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MR. NOEL BREWER EXPLAINS.

CASH TRANSACTIONS OF INSTONE BANK.

DIFFICULTY OF HANDLING TOO MUCH CAPITAL.

"COMPETENTLY RUN."

The formation and activities of the Instone Banking Corporation were given in some detail by Mr. Noel Instone Brewer at the Supreme Court this morning when, following his public examination yesterday by the Official Receiver, he gave an explanation of matters raised in the examination.

In a lengthy statement to the Chief Justice to-day, he said that during the bank's period of working there was not one cent of money misplaced or not accounted for; there were no swollen salaries, no unnecessary expenses, and no secret profits. The business was run on an economical basis and could compare favourably with the running of any other business in the Colony or Hongkong, or elsewhere.

The management, he said, was conducted in a thoroughly honest and proper manner. He proceeded to deal with the formation of the company and said an agreement was entered into, and there had been no suggestion that it was not a proper agreement. The agreement provided for certain contracts to be purchased for cash and then came the question how the agreement should be entered in the books.

Passing of Cash?

It was possible to argue, he said, that no actual cash passed and that the agreement was set aside by the giving of shares. It was also possible to say that cash had passed and would be used to purchase shares. The agreement stated that cash must be paid and if cash were not paid then the agreement had never been satisfied.

Dealing with the capital of the company, he said it was his aim to start with \$50,000 but as it was desired to include the purchase of a building the estimated capital was raised to \$150,000. The company was incorporated with a large capital in case of future expansion, and because he had been assured that an experienced bank manager would be brought in.

While he was in charge he insisted that the capital should not be excessive and when applications arrived for two millions and there was no experienced manager he was genuinely perturbed.

Avoiding Responsibility.

He went on to explain the two methods of avoiding such a responsibility. One, by accepting only 10 per cent of the applications, and the other by accepting all the money and piling it up in a bank. Consideration gave him a third method without the disadvantages of the other two. By permitting shareholders to pay 10 per cent, called up, and also the money not called; and then insisting on the shareholder himself making use of that money by re-borrowing put the bank in the position of being able to call up the money immediately.

Mr. Brewer amplified the scheme in the case of a man who applied for \$10,000 of the capital, saying that the \$9,000 remaining after ten per cent had been paid was in fact a deposit. It was not share money and if the man borrowed against it the worst that could happen would be the loan becoming a bad debt. It was not possible for the bank to suffer.

It was possible to look at these transactions in two ways. It could be said that because no coin of the realm passed, there was no transaction.

Mr. Brewer's Reasoning.

On that reasoning there should be no reference in the books. On the other hand it could be said they were cash transactions, that money was in fact handed over for one purpose and handed back again for another. It was the obvious intention of the shareholder to pay for his share in full. It was also the intention of the bank to lend cash, recoverable on demand. That being so he gave instructions for the transactions to be entered as cash items, and it became quite clear that he had acted correctly.

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MR. T. V. SOONG'S RESIGNATION.

SAYS MILITARY EXPENDITURE IS TOO HIGH.

BUDGET IMPOSSIBLE.

Shanghai, Aug. 7. The resignation of Mr. T. V. Soong, the Minister of Finance, is now officially confirmed.

Yesterday, Mr. Soong memorialised the National Government saying that the present Disbandment Conference discussions have dealt with huge sums of money for disbandment and for future military expenses, which it would be his task to raise.

He therefore summoned a conference of financial experts, who reached the unanimous conclusion that while the required sums can be raised, there must be an assurance hereafter of a fully adequate Budget system.

Mr. Soong points out that the Disbandment Conference last spring decided that military expenditure should not exceed \$16,000,000 monthly, which was "heavy enough," but, "observing the tendency of the present Conference, it seems to me that the monthly military expenditures will undoubtedly be far in excess of the sum set as a maximum."

It is the Finance Minister's considered opinion that if the limit is not adhered to, there is no hope of effecting a National Budget, with the result that the orderly development of the nation will be impossible if a reduction in military expenditures and an operative Budget system are not enforced.

Mr. Soong says it becomes impossible for him to face the sorely-tried people, and he therefore submits his resignation.—Reuter.

Nanking, Aug. 7. In the course of a speech at the closing of the Disbandment Conference, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek estimated that the Army at present totalled two million men. The Conference decided to reduce the number to 80,000.

Marshal Chiang pointed out that China's revenue totals \$450,000,000 (Mex.), of which \$100,000,000 is ear-marked for the repayment of National Debts. The Army cost a minimum of \$396,000,000, not including extraordinary expenditure. Therefore, a radical reduction was the only way to save China from bankruptcy. Even with the reduction to 800,000, the military expenditure will total 60 per cent of the revenue.—Reuter.

STRANDING OF THE LOK SUN.

MARINE COURT OF INQUIRY ON FRIDAY.

A Marine Court of Inquiry is to be held at the Harbour Office on Friday morning at 10.30 a.m. to investigate the circumstances of the stranding of the s.s. Lok Sun which went aground during the early hours of Sunday, July 14, on Samui Island.

The Harbour Master, the Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., will act as President of the Court, and assessors will be Lieut.-Comdr. L. G. Haddington (H.M.S. Tamar), Captain Robert Hill (s.s. Phemius), Capt. Arthur Hall (s.s. Telemachus) and Capt. G. Andoe (s.s. Timor).

CIVIL AVIATION IN FAR EAST.

FRANCE AND BRITAIN NOW CONFERRING.

London, Aug. 6. The French Air Minister, M. Eynac, arrived in London to-day, making the trip by air.

It is officially learned that he proposes to discuss with Lord Thomson, the British Air Minister, problems of civil aviation, particularly in relation to the position in Africa, the Far East and South America.—Reuter.

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest in the Pacific to the east of Japan. Depressions remain over Tongking and the south-east of Loochoo. The northern depression has moved eastwards to Korea. The forecast till noon to-morrow in South or variable winds, moderate, cloudy generally, occasional rain.

EARLY MORNING BLAZE.

HOUSE GUTTED AT WEST POINT.

BRIGADE HANDICAPPED BY TYPE OF BUILDING.

PREVENTS SPREAD.

The difficulties under which the Hongkong Fire Brigade has to work in dealing with outbreaks in Chinese tenement houses was again demonstrated this morning when a fire took place at a block of Chinese buildings between Connaught Road West and Des Voeux Road West, completely gutting one of the houses.

The block of four-storeyed houses concerned is so constructed that the firemen had the greatest difficulty in getting to the root of the fire. The house which caught fire is in the middle of the block, being about 165 feet long but only 15 feet wide. With only 15 feet of space to work on, those in charge realised that unless they could get on to the roofs of the neighbouring houses, the fire would assume serious proportions. This they accordingly did.

A Medicine Shop.

The gutted house is occupied by a Chinese medicine firm, the name of which is Chan Shan Nam & Co., whose offices are situated in No. 15, Des Voeux Road West. The rear part is used as a godown, facing the water-front, being known as No. 59 Connaught Road West.

How the fire originated is not known, but it is thought that it started on the first floor, on the Des Voeux Road side. It soon spread across towards Connaught Road West, burning right through the house.

Fortunately, as the result of good work by the Brigade, the outbreak was confined to only one house, and although this was completely gutted, the adjoining houses were not affected. Owing to the firemen having to work on the roofs, the upper floors of the adjoining houses were slightly damaged, but the lower floors escaped.

Delay in Call?

The call through to the Central Fire Station was made at 3.05 a.m., but when the three appliances arrived on the scene, the fire had already got a firm hold on the house. It is surmised that the call must have been delayed, and this theory is probably correct, for when spoken to this forenoon, the occupants of neighbouring houses told a representative of the Telegraph that the fire had been raging for at least a quarter of a hour before the first engine arrived on the scene.

Fresh water was first used by the Brigade, but a few minutes later, a fire-float berthed at one of the numerous wharves along the waterfront, and thence onwards, salt water was solely employed.

Floors Give Way.

Said to have been constructed close on 30 years ago, the block of buildings in which the fire occurred has only flimsy wooden floors. In the particular house which was destroyed, all the floors were stocked with bales of roots used by Chinese for medicinal purposes.

The firemen had not long been at work when the floors gave way under the combined weight of the water and the bales of roots. The roof is, however, quite intact.

The first call was made at 3.03 a.m. and three engines were despatched to the scene. Four minutes later, the "home call" was put through and another appliance was sent out.

At 3.13 a.m. the "district call" was sounded and the engine from Kennedy-Town was summoned to supplement the four machines already employed.

With almost every engine available at work, the fire was slowly but surely got under control, but it was not until 6.30 that the "stop" message was issued, indicating that the fire had been completely mastered.

Mr. H. T. Brooks, the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, was in charge until the arrival of the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, the Captain Superintendent of Police. Other European officers on the scene were Messrs. Moat and Buckridge.

The emergency squad of the regular police responded to a call a unit of the St. John Ambulance

STREET FIGHTING IN CALCUTTA.

FOUR KILLED AND DOZENS BADLY HURT.

STARTED BY USURER.

Calcutta, Aug. 6. A sentence shouted by a nervous moneylender at a crowd of strikers and mill-operatives, led to a bloody affray between the parties, resulting in four persons being killed, and a large number injured.

The police arrived on the scene when the battle was at its height, and the mobs were dispersed only with the greatest difficulty, fifty-four arrests being made before order was restored.

The affair developed from the stoppage at the jute mills, which already involved over 40 per cent of the industry at Calcutta, extended to other mills yesterday.

Over thousand strikers to-day demonstrated outside a mill in the Gourpore district with the idea of dissuading the operatives from working.

One of a number of Pathan moneylenders, apparently enraged at the prospect of further large number of workers being added to the strikers, leading to further impoverishment of their clients, shouted at the workers that the strikers were looting their homes.

The workers then attacked the strikers and a fierce melee ensued, lives and clubs being freely used. Dozens were seriously injured and scores suffered minor hurts.—Reuter.

NEWS OF SIBERIA MAILED.

MANY BAGS FROM EUROPE REACH TSURUGA.

MORE DETAILS LATER.

The Hongkong General Post Office notifies for general information that the last London mail received via Siberia was that despatched on 4th July from London. London has been asked to trace subsequent despatches and to

call for more details.

London has also been asked to cable details of receipt of mails from Europe via Siberia reached Tsuruga via Vladivostock on 2nd August and are being forwarded to their destinations. No details are yet available.

London has also been asked to cable details of receipt of mails from Hongkong via Siberia and the public will be notified as soon as this information is available.

The three mails for Europe via Siberia closed here on and after 15th July were diverted at Shanghai and sent via Suez.

SCOUT PAGEANT AT JAMBOREE.

CARRIED OUT IN TERRIFIC RAINSTORM.

London, Aug. 6. The Chief Medical Officer of the international boy scout jamboree at Birkenhead, in an interview with Reuter's representative today, said that despite the unfavourable weather, the general health of the scouts was excellent.

There had been only two mild cases of infectious disease since the camp opened, and both were contracted before their arrival.

The minor medical and surgical cases treated at the special hospital were remarkably low in number.

A huge pageant was carried out in the Arrow Park area this afternoon despite a severe thunderstorm and torrential rain.—Reuter.

Brigade being also present in case of accidents.

When a representative of the Telegraph proceeded to the scene of the fire, the interior presented a dilapidated appearance, baled being stacked up in heaps, with charred wooden beams standing at all angles, while much water could be seen trickling from the eaves.

A few houses and cottages were still at work clearing up the debris, while the engines were standing by to take care of any

MR. SNOWDEN AND YOUNG PLAN.

BRITISH OBJECTIONS CLEARLY DEFINED.

DISTRIBUTION OF ANNUITIES CRITICISED.

UNFAIR TO BRITAIN.

The Hague, Aug. 6.

Clearly and firmly, Mr. Phillip Snowden, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, defined the British attitude towards the Young Plan at this afternoon's session of the Reparations Conference.

In the main, his speech, which was listened to with rapt attention, consisted of a reiteration of his declaration in the House of Commons on July 26th, when he said that while Britain had agreed to the scale of German annuities, she would have a lot to say regarding their distribution.

Investigating the matter, a Telegraph reporter learned that a telegram has been received from Ma See-chang by his family in Hongkong, which, while assuring them that he is in no danger, although the injuries he had received were painful enough, denied that the attempt was one made on the actor himself. Ma See-chang says he came by his injuries through a stray splinter from a bomb which was meant for some other person.

The assailant escaped. The attempt took place shortly after midnight, or in the early hours of this morning.

Further facts regarding the incident are lacking, but it is expected that with the return to Hongkong to-night of a number of friends of the actor, the full story of the incident will be available.

Interviewed, the manager of the Theatre in Hongkong in which Ma See-chang had been performing, said that the actor left Hongkong last Friday to fulfil an engagement at Canton.

With the hundred or so other members of the Kwok Fung Kee Kun Theatrical Troupe, he had been appearing at the Theatre on Dutch Folly Island, which was recently converted into a pleasure park. After a season in Canton, Ma was to return for another appearance in Hongkong.

Ranking with only one other Chinese actor in fame and popularity amongst the Chinese of the south, Ma See-chang is a familiar figure at local tea-dances and other social functions. His theatrical performances are always crowded; invested as they are with a versatility ranging from comedy to super-romantic parts. He has an income said to have amounted last season to as much as \$80,000 a year.

Allies Arrears.

Secondly, Britain is expected under the Scheme to forego a sum of £200,000,000 which the Allies owe to her on account of repayment already made to the United States.

Thirdly, objection is taken to the exclusion of Britain from the unconditional portion of the German annuities. The annuity averages £100,000,000, of which £33,000,000 must be paid in foreign currencies, unconditionally. The remainder is conditional. In other words, Germany is permitted, in order to protect her exchange, to postpone for a period of two years its payments in foreign currencies, and may

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THE INSTONE BANK EXAMINATION.

MR. BREWER ADMITS BALANCE SHEET MISLEADS.

"NO UNTRUTHS IN IT."

Mr. Instone Brewer was further questioned regarding the affairs of the Instone Banking Corporation at the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon.

The Official Receiver (Mr. Agassiz) suggested that certain loans on promissory notes were merely cross entries, which Mr. Brewer denied.

Mr. Agassiz:—Was the procedure this: A shareholder would go to the company to borrow money. You would say "Yes, you can have a loan on a promissory note." No money was advanced to the shareholder in the ordinary sense, the real transaction being that the amount of the promissory note was applied in part-payment for his allotment of shares or calls, and it appeared on the company's books as owing to the company?—No sir. If I answer that in *toto*, no.

Promissory Notes Explanation.

Proceeding to explain, Mr. Brewer said that he did not want to be overburdened with capital. He had applications for more than two million dollars' worth of shares and he refused to allow shareholders to pay more than 10 per cent. of their money, unless they would agree to provide the bank with money instantly available on demand, by borrowing to the extent which they had paid in excess of their 10 per cent., thereby placing the bank in an advantageous position.

Mr. Agassiz went on to deal with an individual instance, in the case of a Mr. Li, and said that on June 10, 1927, he was loaned \$500 on a promissory note. On the same day, in the shareholders' register, Mr. Li was credited with having paid \$500 in cash.

Mr. Brewer said he thought the latter entry was on another date and on being shown the books declared it was the 16th.

Mr. Agassiz said he could only make out it was the 10th, and asked his Lordship to look at the date.

After examining the writing, his Lordship said it was the 10th, after which Mr. Brewer had another look and agreed, saying that he had been looking at another entry.

Compradore's Note.

Mr. Agassiz asked Mr. Brewer if he agreed that that case showed the usual form of the transactions, to which Mr. Brewer replied that shareholders paid in excess cash of their 10 per cent., which the bank loaned back to them. Speaking with direct reference to the individual transaction taken, Mr. Brewer said that Mr. Li was, in fact, the compradore and he was not in need of money. In fact he put up a sum for his position. He took the promissory note to oblige Mr. Brewer as he wanted cash available.

His Lordship asked if any security was required for the notes.

Mr. Brewer answered that there was only one security possible which was cash. No loan was made until the shares were paid for.

Mr. Agassiz pointed out that on January 1, 1929, the compradore owed the company \$9,188.

Mr. Brewer replied that the man had credit with the company's other accounts.

No Demand for Payment.

Has that ever been paid?—He has never been asked to pay. I have said all along, until we actually came to the crash, there was never one man asked to pay money because my whole object was to keep ready money available to meet an emergency, and the only mistake I made was in believing these people would pay up when

the emergency came, as they were willing to do so before.

Fencing with Words.

At the afternoon hearing Mr. Brewer was asked whether the total amount of actual cash received by the company in respect of subscriptions for shares never exceeded approximately \$200,000. He did not agree.

The Official Receiver: Do you agree that apart from loans made to shareholders by the company on promissory notes and on those receipt forms that the actual cash received in respect of shares never exceeded \$200,000?—Loans made to shareholders are not included in cash received.

I put it to you that loans were made without you having the cash—that they were purely contracentries?—No.

During June 1927 you purported to grant loans of \$619,100. Do you say you had that amount in cash on hand?—That much money came in and went out.

Mr. Brewer once asked the Official Receiver to describe what he meant by cash, the Official Receiver commenting "You know what I mean. You are merely fencing with words."

In reply to the Chief Justice, Mr. Brewer said 26,000 shares were applied for. No money was sent with the applications for the shares. Asked whether the company supplied all the cash with which the shares were paid for, Mr. Brewer said the company took promissory notes for ninety per cent. Cash security was given. He said the method was not his invention. It would be found in any book of economics. It was a system to the advantage of the bank.

How Loans were Made.

The Official Receiver:—The total cash received up to May 31, 1927, for shares was \$37,500?—Correct.

That was before you had granted any loans?—Yes.

The first loan was granted on June 10 and the balance of cash the company had on hand at May 31, was \$9,330?—Yes.

On the 30th you received compradore security of \$48,000. What was that?—Banknotes.

Did he put actual cash up for that amount?—As far as I recollect it was actual cash.

At the beginning of June you had \$9,330 cash in hand. During June you purported to make loans amounting to \$619,000. I put it to you that you had no money to make those loans?—The money came into my hands and went out again.

At this stage the Chief Justice told Mr. Brewer that fencing was no use. They wanted to know out of what were the advances made. Mr. Brewer replied that they were made out of payments by shareholders.

The Official Receiver later drew Mr. Brewer's attention to a loan of \$132,000 advanced to Mrs. Brewer. In answer to questions he said there was an explanation for that and did not suggest that the amount was paid to Mrs. Brewer in cash. She was trustee in respect of certain shares and paid in advance of call like the rest.

Perfectly Good Assets.

He agreed that in July loans to shareholders amounted to \$142,000. He did not agree that the only cash received was \$5,250 or that the rest of the cash purported to have been received was in connexion with promissory notes and receipt forms with the company's own shareholders. Mr. Brewer said \$12,000 had been received in banknotes.

He agreed that loans to shareholders amounting to over seven lakhs appeared in one form or another in the balance sheet as perfectly good assets. He said there was no need for provision for bad or doubtful debts and that outstanding loans amounted to about four lakhs.

The Official Receiver:—If you regarded them as good debts why did you not collect them?—I did not desire to before the failure of the branches. Afterwards they could not be collected.

The company was in urgent need of money before liquidation?—Yes, since July last year.

And during the first five months of this year the business was carried on at a loss?—Yes.

Your need for money was so urgent that you could not raise the necessary funds for solicitor and counsel to fight an action in this court and had to consent to judgment?—You are quite right.

Proposed Bond Issue.

When did you begin to have doubt about these assets?—In the case of one or two early on. In the case of the majority I had no doubts until we had to lean on them.

Did you make an arrangement that in respect of debts due from shareholders it was optional for them to take out ten years bonds?—We were prepared to enter into that arrangement.

You would issue bonds and a small amount would be paid each month?—Yes. That was the intention behind the whole system. It would draw the money in gradually instead of all at once.

Was any advantage taken of this offer?—By one man only.

Was there any reason for that?—I have tried to point out the advantages of it but they did not seem to see it.

The item of \$260,000 under mortgages and long term loans; I suggest that was an asset which did not exist?—It was an interbranch transaction which should have been wiped off.

Then why describe it as mortgages and long term loans?—I did not discover it because the balance exists in the Hongkong branch and in the head office.

By no possible stretch of imagination could it be described as it is described?—It is erroneous. It should not be there.

The Trading Company.

Mr. Brewer explained the formation of the Instone Trading Company Ltd., and said it was intended as an export and import business. The Instone Banking Corporation took shares in the Company and the Instone Trading Co. took shares in the banking business. The company never started business.

Mr. Brewer did not agree that the shares in the company set out constituted a worthless asset. The loan to Mrs. Brewer was granted in connexion with the formation of the company which, he said, would have made good money if the bank branches had not been closed.

He went on to explain an arrangement whereby people in Peking were to take up certain shares. The shares were never taken up and remained in Mrs. Brewer's hands.

The Official Receiver suggested that the effect of this was to put an asset in the balance sheet of \$415,000. Mr. Brewer admitted that was the origin of it but said it was not done with the intention of putting an asset there.

Misleading Statements.

Mr. Brewer also explained how he tried to buy Instone Banking Corporation shares and sent out brokers to buy at any figure under \$97. The object of this was to get a majority on the directorate.

The Official Receiver: From this balance sheet a business man would form the opinion that the company on April 30 had good assets to the extent of over a million. That is what the balance sheet means?—No doubt.

I put it to you that the statement about loans, mortgages and investments is misleading and inaccurate?—I don't agree.

Mr. Brewer said the item of \$150,000 under specialty debt referred to the mortgage on the bank premises. Asked why the mortgage on the premises was not stated in so many words he said it was not the custom.

The Official Receiver: The item was taken out of your balance sheet by the auditor and put under accounts payable?—That shows the difference between the legal mind and that of an accountant.

The premises of your bank were purchased for \$240,000 from Mr. Yau Wan?—Yes.

One of your directors?—I think so.

Did you ever ask him if he made a profit of \$35,000 out of the company of which he was a director?—No.

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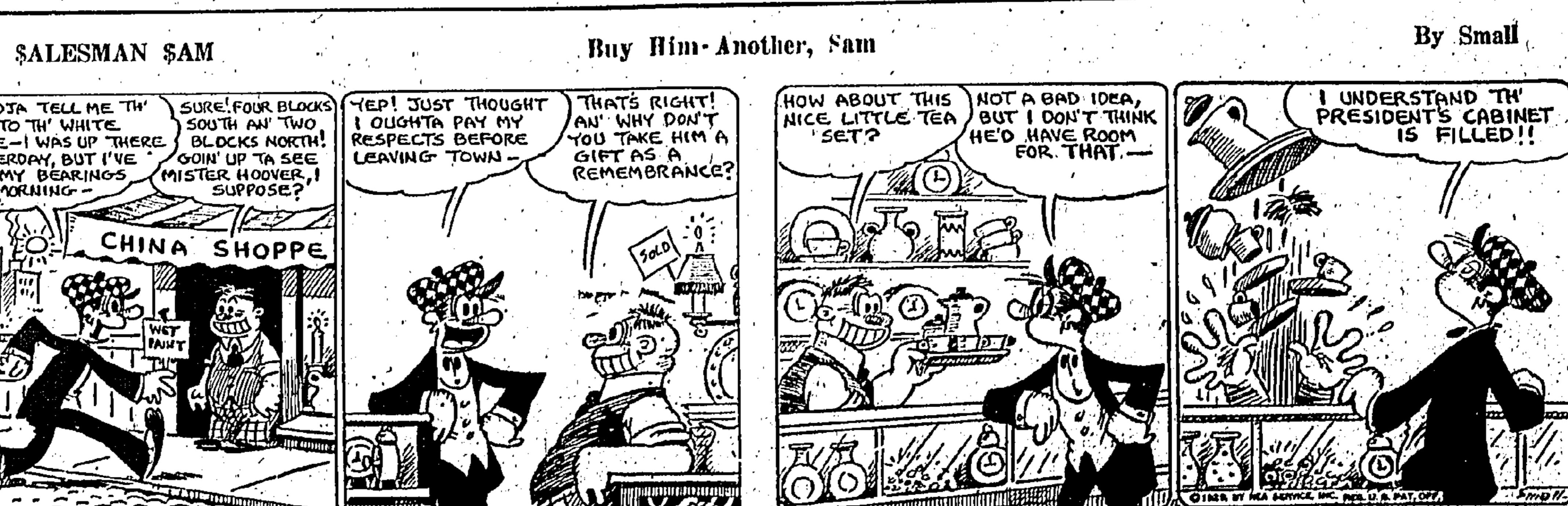
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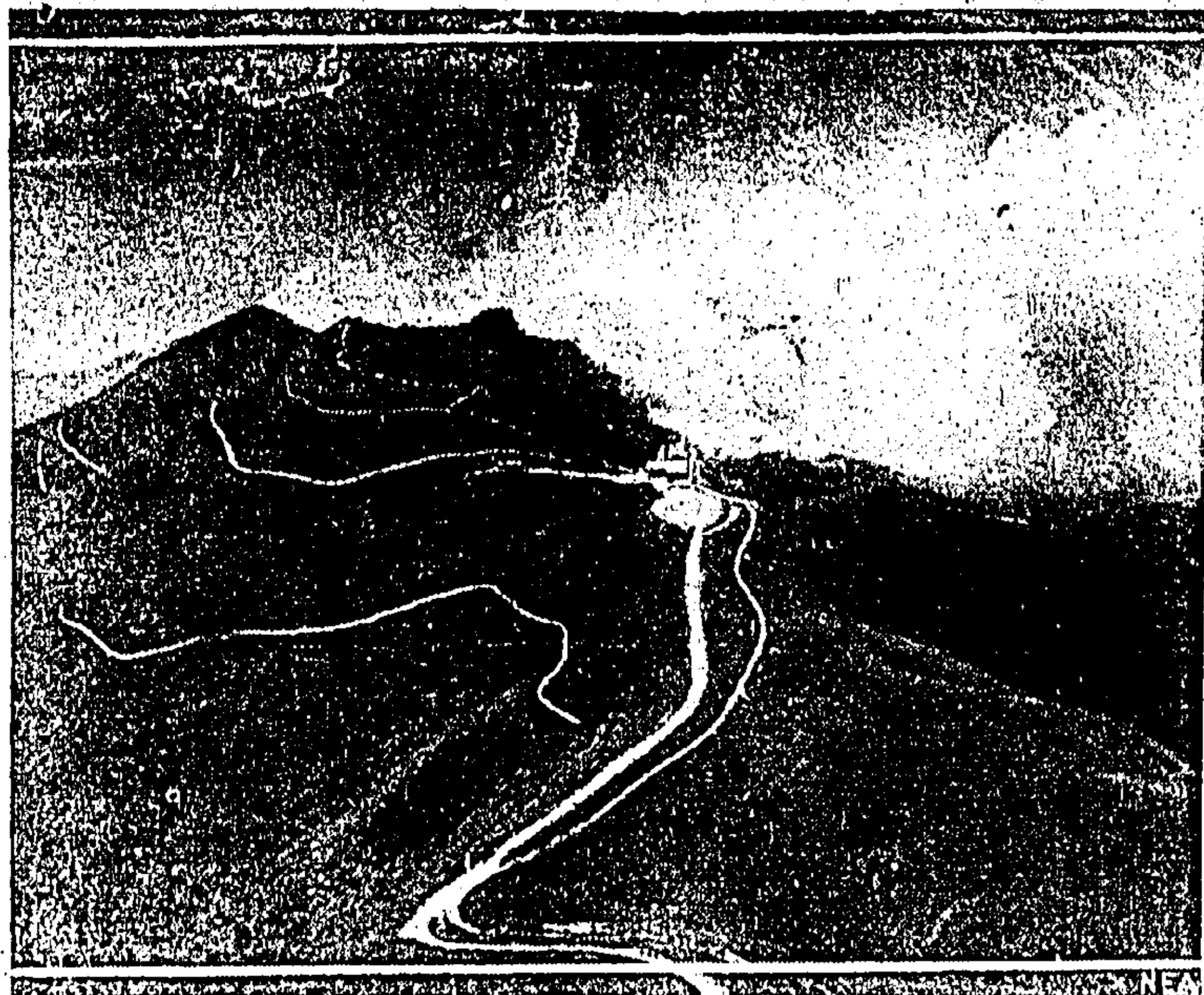
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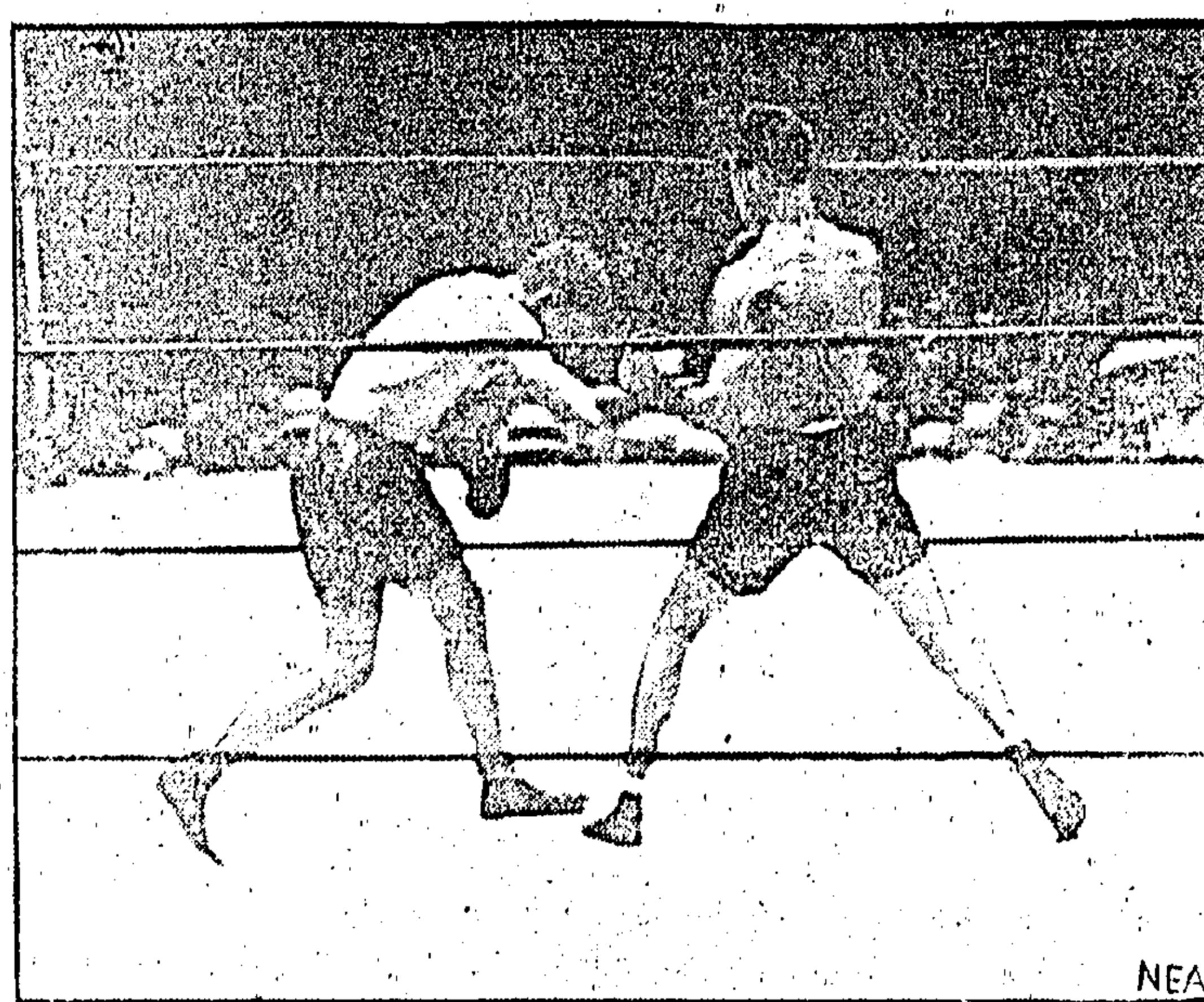
An aerial view of a fire which threatened to devastate a huge forest reserve in California after destroying 100 homes in the town of Mill Valley.



Firemen from miles around were organised to combat the California forest fire. Photo shows a volunteer crew battling with a stubborn blaze.



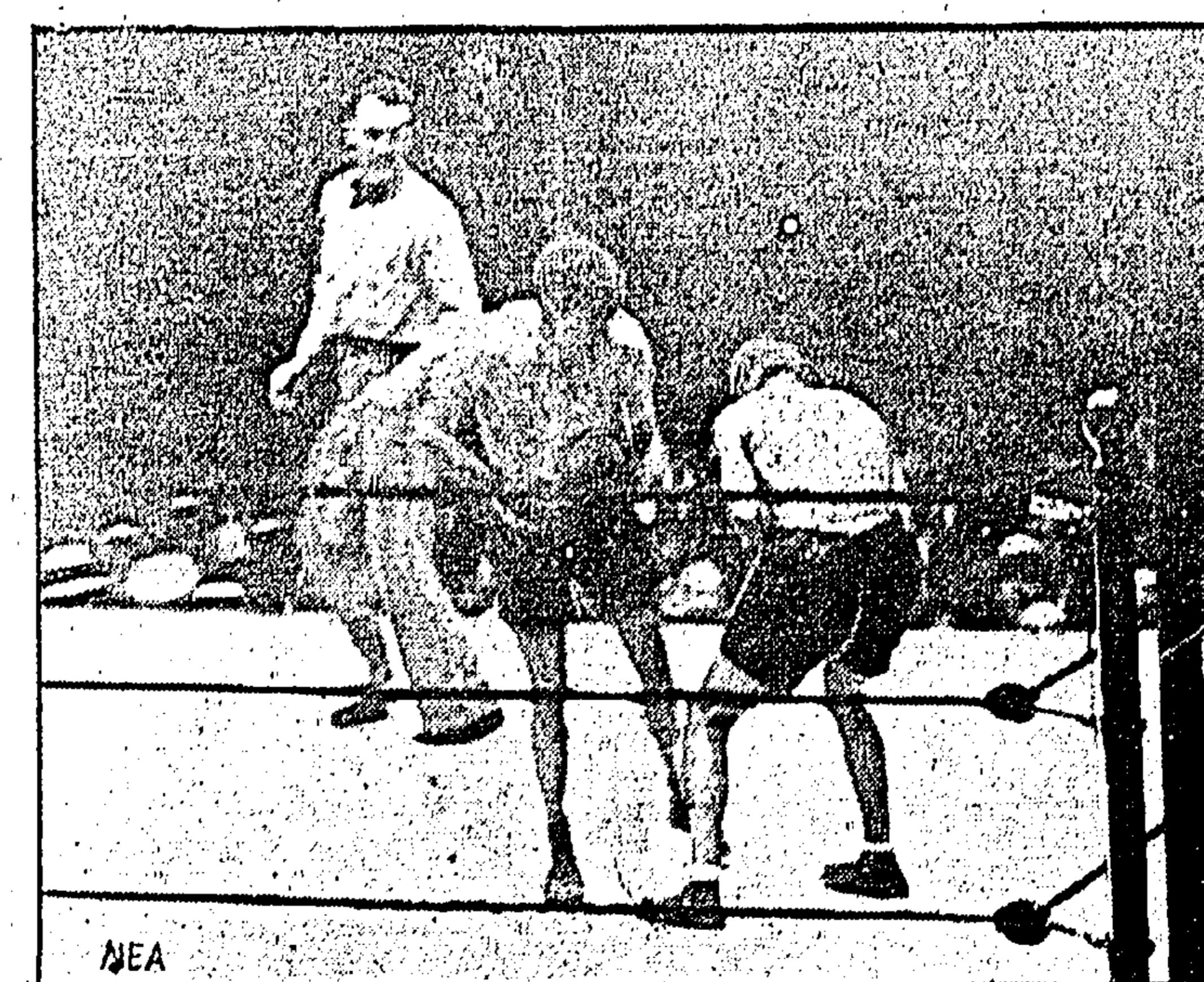
Mr. W. O. Thomas, an American aviator, and the wreckage of his machine which crashed from a height of 150 feet recently. He got through the accident without a scratch, except when he was climbing out when he slipped and cut his face.



Picture taken at the recent contest between Paulino Uzcudun and Max Schmeling. The latter won easily. Uzcudun, left, is seen fighting blindly.



Lieut. Harry Bromley, centre, the airman, who crashed at the start of an attempt to fly from Tacoma to Tokyo non-stop. The distance is 4,800 miles, and he proposed to try the trip solo. The City of Tacoma crashed midway down a special runway.



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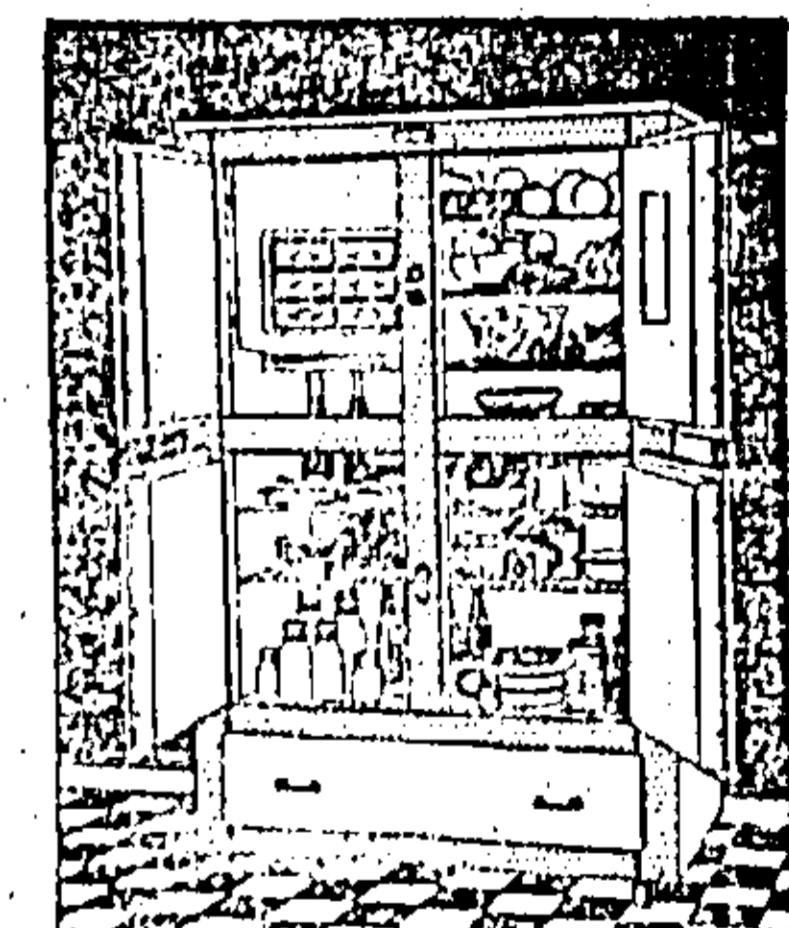
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Docks, etc.

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—Dr. Otto Stadel.

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DRESS REFORM RALLY.

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Two women with Eton-cropped hair and wearing cream-coloured trousers and sandals, and a man in a skirt, took part in the recent Men's Dress Reform Rally at King George's Hall, Tottenham Court-road.

The majority of the 150 persons present wore short trousers, tennis shirts, woollen stockings and lounge jackets.

Mr. Ernest Thesiger, the actor, appeared in corduroy "shorts," a drill shirt with an open neck, and a woollen pullover gathered in at the waist with a leather belt. He did not wear a jacket.

Dr. C. W. Saleby, the chairman, wearing "shorts" and a tennis shirt with a tweed coat, explained the object of the rally.

"There is no official dress of any kind," he said. "We have merely asked those who are interested to come and discuss matters. We think there is room for improvement, and we are here to see what we can achieve in that respect."

Dr. J. C. Flugel, senior lecturer in psychology at University College, wore a blue lounge suit with short trousers and a white tennis shirt. The only points in favour of conventional clothes, he said, were that they were long lived and had pockets.

"If there is to be rationalisation in industry," he said, "it is time there was rationalisation in clothes."

Dr. Leonard Williams wore morning dress with white spats and grey top hat.

"I wish," he said, "to put in a plea for conventional attire because there is nothing incompatible between conventional attire and the object of true reform. I have put on conventional attire because I contend that you can be just as comfortable in this kind of kit as in any other."

"In costume," said the Rev. Percy Dearmer, "we are all about 50 years behind the times. Men's costume to-day does not reflect the mentality of the day, but that of 1860."

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GHOST SCARE.

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A party of lads camping on the shores of Lake Beaulieu (Inverness-shire) are now laughing over an adventure which has just befallen them. So, too, are a number of local residents.

At dead of night there came from a thicket close by a voice crying persistently "Oh, dear me; take care!"

The lads became so alarmed that they decided to break up their summer quarters. Neighbours who heard of the affair shook their heads and told the young fellows that the spot where they were camping was reputed to be haunted.

On the second night those stories had so acted upon the lads that they elected to share one tent only. Again the voice was heard, and scarcely had dawn broken when steps were taken to break up the encampment.

These had not proceeded far when a solution to the mystery was provided by one boy, who, greatly daring, penetrated the thicket from which the voice had come.

There, from a rabbit hole, again came the voice, "Take care, take care," and looking into the Warren the boy discovered a parrot held fast in a trap.

Very soon the excited lads released the bird, and she is now the mascot of a camp whose morale is completely restored.

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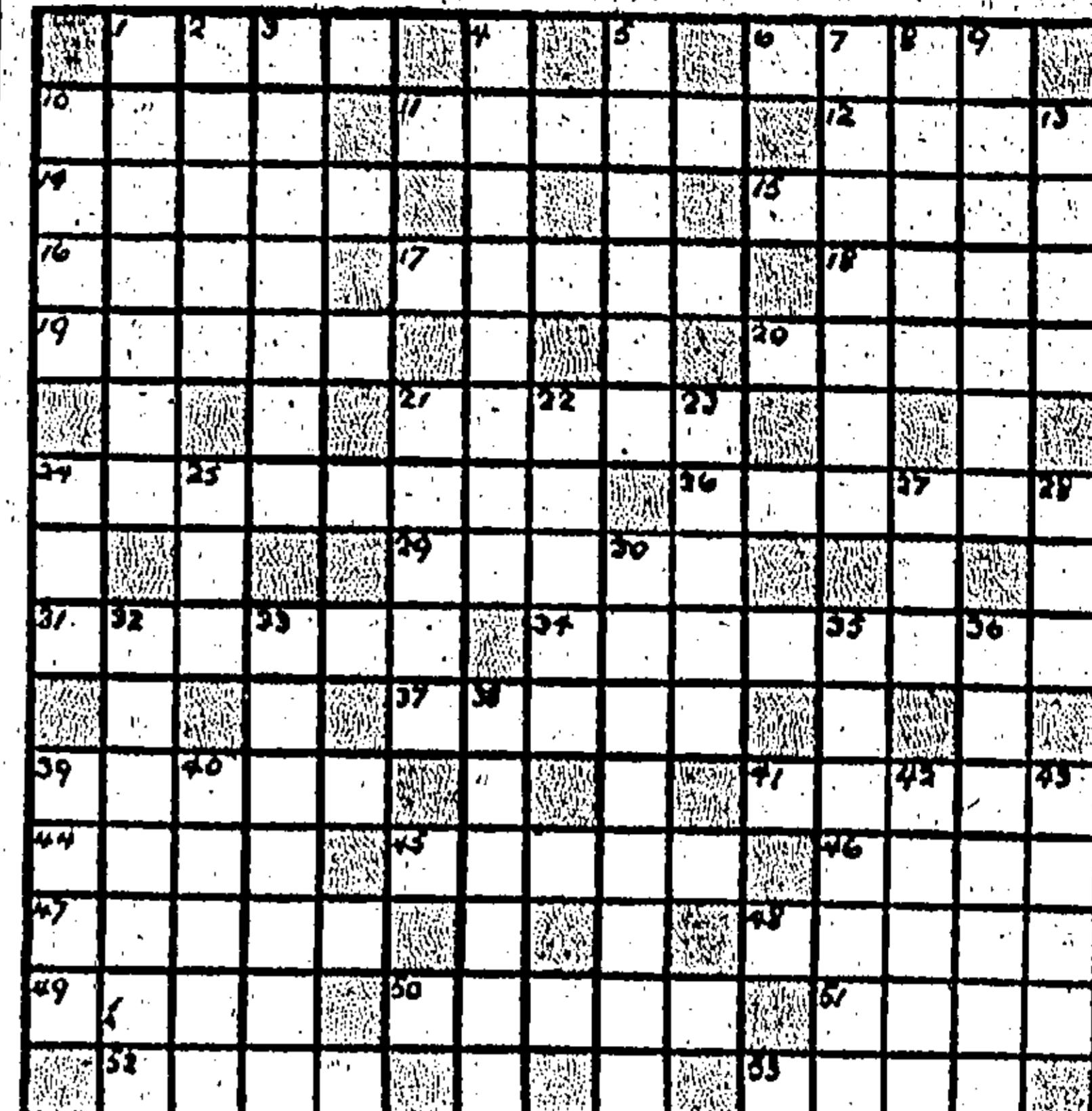


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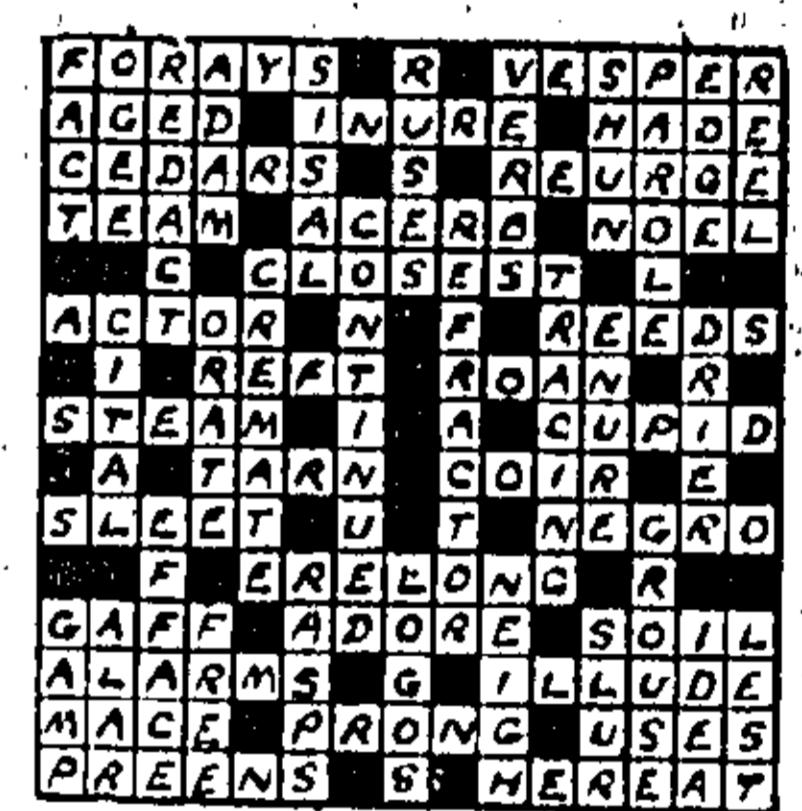


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A HISTORIC MEETING.

With the opening of the Conference of the Powers at The Hague, there are good prospects of a great forward step being made in the settlement of outstanding problems of the Great War. Not only is the Young reparations plan to be dealt with, but the Rhineland and the Saar occupations are also to be tackled. In very truth can it be said that history will be made by this Conference, which must rank as the most important since the signing of the Peace Treaty. We say that because so much depends on the decisions reached. In all, there are thirteen nations represented, and whilst it will not be an easy matter to secure unanimity of viewpoint on all the issues raised, there should be sufficient goodwill shown to enable a just and equitable settlement of all matters which are to come under consideration. Germany is obviously expecting final decisions on all issues, for the Berlin Government accepted the Young reparations plan as the basis for the conference, with the proviso that "the complete and simultaneous liquidation of the questions still outstanding from the World War is an essential corollary."

But whilst all the questions are related one to the other, it does not follow that they will be dealt with on that basis. Indeed, the German Government evidently thinks that each issue should be considered separately, witness the statement from Berlin, which came to hand yesterday, that the claim for the evacuation of the Rhineland must be settled independently of the other problems. This question of the Rhineland is perhaps the biggest of any. The attitude of the British Government thereto is well known. It is that there should be a withdrawal of all foreign troops from Germany without further delay. That, we believe, is reflective of the feelings of the bulk of British people on the subject. Whether France will be prepared to take up a like stand, irrespective of any endorsement of the Young plan, remains to be seen. That Germany wants to see early evacuation carried out is quite natural. Indeed, some few weeks ago the spokesmen of all the Coalition Parties in the Reichstag declared that they would only support ratification of the reparations plan conditionally upon the simultaneous withdrawal of foreign

troops from the occupied territories. Reading yesterday's cables, however, we are left with the impression that, even at this stage, Germany may be prepared to make some concessions, provided she can get definite guarantees on the Rhineland and Saar problems. What is rather strange, however, is that there should appear to be some difference of outlook between one of the German delegates and the Berlin Government. This delegate is credited with saying that Germany might compromise on the French proposal for a Committee of Verification and Conciliation in the Rhineland, provided the Committee was not imposed beyond 1935. No sooner had the utterance been made, however, than there came a statement from official circles in Berlin to the effect that this view does not accord with that of the Government, which holds that the evacuation of the Rhineland is no longer a matter for argument, and which says the demand for a Conciliation Committee must be dropped. It is pertinent to recall, however, that in a recent debate on foreign affairs in the Reichstag, Herr Stresemann, whilst definitely stating that his Government would not consent to any form of permanent unilateral control, left ambiguous its attitude towards a temporary control ceasing in 1935. In its main features, that declaration corresponds with the views expressed by the delegate to The Hague Conference. It may well be, therefore, that it represents the real viewpoint of the German Government. If so, the delegate may have been merely a trifling premature in disclosing the extent to which Germany is prepared to go in order to reach a definite settlement. Be that as it may, there can be no doubt that the continued presence of foreign troops in Germany is a sore point with the German people, and that it is likely to cause irritation rather than to conduce to universal concord. We shall be surprised, therefore, if the Conference does not result in early evacuation.

The Water Supply.

Those who have given serious study to the Colony's water problems will not be surprised by the announcement that the Government has at last decided to heed to the wishes of the Chinese community in the matter of a supply through the rider mains. As we have persistently urged since the state of emergency vanished in a series of heavy rainstorms, no system of supply could be regarded as adequate until such a concession had been made. Houses in the rider main districts are to be granted from to-morrow, a supply of two consecutive hours daily, which will afford a considerable saving in household expenditure to hundreds who could ill afford it, a point which appears to have been entirely overlooked by the pessimistic advocates of ultra-caution. Incidentally, the majority of the street fountains will now be cut off, this source of supply being no longer necessary. Even so, the new stage of restriction will, of course, involve a much greater expenditure from the island reservoirs, but since the 1,000,000,000 gallon mark was reached we have been satisfied, as the Government now must be, that there is sufficient water in storage to justify the experiment, to put it at its lowest. We are not advocates of the feast and famine policy, but we see nothing in the present water position to enable us to endorse a policy of stringent conservation at the expense of all convenience for the convenience of the public. For instance, if the rider main supply is given until the beginning of October, a cost to the reservoirs of 364,000,000 gallons approximately will be involved, the figure being based on the Government estimate of 6.5 millions daily. That would leave 300 millions in the island reservoirs, even presuming that no rain falls in the meantime, and the reservoirs gain nothing upon present supply. When the position is reviewed at the end of September, in accordance with the Government notification,

DAY BY DAY.

IN THE YEARS FROM NINETEEN TO FORTY-TWO MOST MEN HAVE FULLFILLED THEIR DESTINY.—Lloyd Osborne.

The Bon Line ss. Benlawers is due here from Europe on the 15th instant.

The B. I. s.s. Dalmatia, with letters from London via Nagasaki, is due here on Friday morning.

Final showings take place to-day at the Queen's Theatre of Universal's big film, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which has been drawing crowded houses since Sunday.

Amongst the passengers who left by the s.s. Taiyo Maru were the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Knight Anstey, Mr. D. J. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Jones, and Miss Amy Stanham.

Among the many passengers leaving on the s.s. Taiyo Maru today are Mr. and Mrs. F. X. D'Almada, Jr., and Miss D'Almada, en route for California on a sightseeing tour.

At yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board the Chairman mentioned that Mr. Wong Kwong-tin had pointed out certain disquieting figures in the report from the Government Bacteriologist relative to the water supplies for July. The Chairman promised to obtain an explanation of the figures.

Two Chinese married women appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, charged with kidnapping a five-year-old boy from No. 172, Parkes Street. The second defendant was also charged with harbouring the lad. The case was adjourned until to-morrow for hearing.

The appeal of Carl Gunther against a sentence of two years' imprisonment for trafficking in firearms was dismissed, and the sentence of the lower court affirmed in the Criminal Appeal Division of the Provisional Court at Shanghai. Gunther, a German of more than 80 years, was represented by Mr. N. Ivanow.

Coxswains, engineers and seamen of the launches attached to the Water Police, numbering about a hundred, attended the funeral yesterday of Siu So, bosun No. 120, who for some time past has been attached to No. 2 Police launch. He died suddenly at his home in Shamshui Po after nineteen years' service with the Force.

Sentence of two months' hard labour, in addition to a fine of \$10, with the alternative of two months, was imposed by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a widow who pleaded guilty to keeping No. 40, Temple Street as an illegal house. The defendant had one previous conviction for the same offence.

Mrs. Southorn, the popular wife of the Colonial Secretary, left last evening on the Patroclus on a brief visit to the Old Country. The illness of her mother has been responsible for Mrs. Southorn leaving at an earlier date than intended. During her comparatively short stay in the Colony, Mrs. Southorn has made a host of friends, who will wish her a pleasant voyage home and good news at the end of the journey.

Among the passengers leaving Hongkong yesterday for the North aboard the President Grant were Mr. S. Howard, connected with Messrs. John I. Thorneycroft & Co., travelling to Shanghai; Mr. Lee Sik-pang, student from Canton, travelling to U.S., where he will continue his studies at the University of Richmond, Richmond, Va.; Mr. W. L. Ogden, connected with the Standard Oil Co. in Batavia, Java, returning to the U. S. on furlough; Rev. N. G. Dunning, missionary worker from Australia, travelling to England via the United States; Mr. & Mrs. Hubert P. C. Cheng, travelling to Shanghai and return. Mr. Cheng is the Traffic Manager of the Canton-Kowloon Railway (Chinese Section).

tion, the fact that only 900,000,000 gallons were left would justify a reversion to the twelve hours fountain supply, and it would be found that this would be sufficient to last for 30 weeks, which would carry us well into April, if not longer. But the fallacy in the reasoning of the dissenters is that all calculations have been based on the assumption that there is to be no further rainfall. It is time they escaped from a famine complex.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"Maskee" Hongkong.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Can nothing be done to wake up the public of Hongkong. A spirit of inertia seems to pervade everybody. Now and again someone writes to the papers and ventilates his views or his grievances over the way certain things are managed or mismanaged by the Government services and suggests a public meeting be called with a view to the formation of a Municipal Council, but there it ends.

Since the past 12 days the Castle Peak Road at the 15½ mile has been blocked owing to a landslide. If it was anywhere else except in Hongkong the rocks would have been blasted and the debris removed in a few days.

On Sunday, the 28th ult., I had occasion to take my car across the harbour to Kowloon and on arriving at the 15½ mile saw three women and a man working at the removal of the block in the roadway. An automatic drilling machine was on the roadway, obviously for show, as if it had been intended for the purpose it was intended the rocks ought to have been blasted away in a few days.

On Monday, the 5th inst., the machine had been removed and although the number of workmen had increased, two were boring holes in the rocks by hand, whilst a dozen were breaking the rocks at the side of the road into road metal. No cars were allowed to pass, although it was quite safe, and there was sufficient room and with ordinary precautions there would have been no risk of the vibration from a passing car dislodging further boulders. As a result the long week-end has been spoilt for those of the public of Hongkong who spend their holidays at Castle Peak, due to somebody taking his time over removing the landslide and not having the gumption or being too cussed to clear the road sufficiently to allow cars to pass through the cutting.

In 1926 there were several landslides on the Castle Peak road which was under repair for two months when suddenly one of the P.W.D. officials decided to have a bathing party at Castle Peak— the road was of course ready for traffic on the appointed day! A cul-de-sac roadway in front of a friend's house was torn up sometime ago, a steam roller was lying idle whilst the operation was in progress but immediately the new metal was laid and ready for rolling, some official or the contractor discovered the roller was required elsewhere. As the steam roller did not return, after two days the P.W.D. office was run up and one of the senior officials informed that if the roadway was not immediately rolled the P.W.D. would be sued in the event of damage to the tyres caused by the loose metal on the roadway which led to a garage. The roller was back the same afternoon and the roadway rolled within a couple of hours!

This "masked" germ seems to flourish unchecked amongst some of our "heave-ho" working under a benign Government. It would be very interesting if somebody would supply figures of the personnel of the P.W.D. in Hongkong compared with the area of roads or Public Works in comparison to some of our other Colonies or Dependencies.

There is a fortune awaiting somebody in the Colony who can invent an anti-Masker serum. Yours, etc., K. M. A. Hongkong, Aug. 6th, 1929.

A Disgusting Comment.

Sir,—In its comments on our letter, the Hongkong Sunday Herald has tried to hoodwink its readers, who have only to recall the "Sally" and the letter.

We think they will find that the only person who could put such a construction on our protest, as is commented upon, is the commentor himself. His is the mentality that requires the drastic cleaning advocated.

Why not admit a piece of putrid journalism?

We repeat that a disaster is no subject for a joke.—Yours, etc.,

FOUR DISGUSTED NAVAL MEN.

Hongkong, Aug. 5th, 1929.

An Explanation.

Sir,—With reference to the remark made by Mr. Instone Brewer during his public examination in the affairs of the Instone Banking Corporation, Ltd., the impression may have been created that we were acting as Auditors of the Company prior to its going into liquidation.

We desire to state that we were instructed by Mr. Instone Brewer

The Very Idea!

Omnibus conductors are sometimes credited with greater resourcefulness even than policemen. The conductor of an omnibus told a friend of mine (says a writer in a Home paper) that the previous week two foreign women entered it and, asked to be put down at a certain private house. When they were asked where it was situated they said they had forgotten the address, but handed him a piece of paper with a telephone number on it. "You can easily find it out from that," said one of them in excellent English.

When the conductor explained that he did not carry either a telephone book or a Post Office directory or a wireless telephone, and was naturally unable to help them, one of them replied: "Any gentleman would take the trouble."

Polite Shop Assistant—"Will one collar be enough, madam?"

Middle-aged Customer—"Of course it will. D'you think I've got several husbands?"

Old Mother Hubbard went to the receptacle for nourishment.

To get her poor canine an osseous tidbit.

When she got there the cupboard was entirely denuded of its contents.

And so the poor doggo got the opposite of any.

A barrister at the Old Bailey recently filled the role of counsel for the prosecution and counsel for the defence.

Mr. S. Seuffert appeared to defend a woman on an indictment for manslaughter, when Mr. Justice Swift asked him, in the absence of prosecuting counsel, if he would like to open the prosecution. Mr. Seuffert agreed and proceeded to lay the facts before the jury. He had not gone far, however, when counsel for the prosecution arrived and took over the opening.

Thirty years ago, the late Mr. Justice Grantham acted as counsel for the prosecution in a case of manslaughter tried before him at the Old Bailey.

Lambeth Wife—"I want to take out a summons for peace in the home."

Woman at Bow County Court—"The only work I do is as housekeeper for my husband."

Mr. Charles Lee, Willesden Magistrate, to a woman applicant—"Pleased to see you again, but I scarcely recognised you in your new hat."

Mr. Justice Rowlett, at Carnarvonshire Assizes—"Nothing can be proved beyond doubt in this world except the multiplication table."

Woman applying for a summons for threats at Lambeth—"She said she would give me what I was asking for?" Magistrate—"What were you asking for? Woman—"Nothing."

An audition was held at the Prince of Wales's Theatre recently to choose two colonels for touring companies in "Journey's End," the great war play.

Already 250 applicants had previously been seen by the stage director, Mr. Thomas Warner, and 40 more were given a trial.

The prospective colonels were of all types and ages. Many were amateurs, some were ex-officers still looking for a job, while one was a colonel who had commanded a battalion at the front.

Twelve were selected for further tests.

"I thought of giving my uncle a hundred cigars like these. Can you think of anything he would like better?"

"Yes, fifty."

A candidate in an examination for the Nottinghamshire county junior scholarship wrote:

"When I grow up I should like to be a headmaster. I think it is a nice easy job. When all the teachers and scholars are at work, you can go in the private room and enjoy the fire and boil the kettle and have a nice hot cup of tea, and then begin to read until you feel like going into school again."

As a youngster I wanted the world, but, finding that no one could possess it, I had the curiosity to learn all about it. Lord Passfield,

and Mr. C. A. C. Rodrigues, the liquidators, on the 2nd May, 1929, to audit the accounts with the view to the preparation of a statement of the Bank's affairs. This has been our sole connexion with the Bank.—Yours, etc.,

LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Chartered Accountants,
Hongkong, Aug. 7th, 1929.

PORTUGUESE GIRL ROBBED.

CHINESE SNATCHES A GOLD NECK CHAIN.

AN EXCITING CHASE.

A disgracefully mean "theft" was the description given by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, to a snatching incident which occurred in Cameron Road yesterday afternoon when a Chinese stole a gold neck chain from a girl named Lily Maria da Silva.

The defendant pleaded "not guilty" to the charge.

Sub-Inspector Darling, in detailing the facts of the case to his Worship, said the complainant was learning to ride a bicycle in Cameron Road at 4 p.m. yesterday, in company with another small girl. It was alleged that the defendant, who was with a second man, was seen walking along Cameron Road from the direction of Chatham Road towards Nathan Road.

On drawing level with the girls, the defendant placed one of his hands on the complainant's head and with the other hand he snatched her gold neck chain. He then ran away.

A house "boy" took up the chase, but after running for about two or three hundred yards he was "winded," and, on seeing the nephew of his master, he informed him of what happened. The latest arrival then ran after the defendant, who was pursued into Kimberley Road via Carnarvon Road and then along Observatory Road to Chatham Road, where an Indian constable joined in the chase. The defendant turned into Austin Road and was lost sight of, but the pursuers were told by a bystander that he had gone down a scavenging lane.

The defendant was eventually arrested behind Austin Avenue. When taken into custody the constable and the nephew found that he was out of breath and flushed. He also passed some remark about the theft. Before being arrested, he had taken off his coat and was carrying it in his hand.

The house "boy" would tell the Court that the man who was arrested was the man who had committed the theft, while the girl herself would also identify the defendant.

In reply to his Worship, Detective Sub-Inspector Darling said that the girl was eight years old.

Evidence bearing out the opening was given, the Indian constable and the Chinese who took up the chase after the house "boy" had given up, both stating that when they entered the scavenging lane the defendant, on seeing them, ran away again. After a short chase, he was arrested.

After hearing the evidence, the defendant in a statement denied that he snatched the neck chain.

His Worship registered a conviction, and, addressing the defendant, said it was a most disgracefully mean theft to snatch a necklace off a little girl, as the defendant had done. He would go to prison for six months with hard labour and receive 15 strokes of the birch. If unfit for the birching, he would receive two months' hard labour in addition.

Addressing the house "boy" and his master's nephew, his Worship said he thought that they should both be censured on what they had done in the matter of arresting the defendant.

SPEEDING UP AIR TRAVEL.

PARIS TUBE PLAN.

The speeding-up of aerial communications between Paris and London, and vice versa, is under consideration, including a plan for the construction of an underground railway line from the Opera quarter, in the heart of Paris, to the landing-ground at Le Bourget, about 10 miles away. Special non-stop trains would be run, taking a quarter of an hour to reach the flying ground.

Passport, Customs, and ticket inspection would take place in the train.

If tube railways such as that suggested were built both in London and Paris it is estimated that the time taken in the journey from the centre of Paris to the centre of London would be barely 2½ hours.

At the Opera end it is proposed to have a vast underground station which would accommodate the offices of all the air lines and where baggage could be weighed and registered and tickets bought.

An Air Correspondent writes: About 45 minutes are allowed for the motor-car journey from the West End of London to the Croydon air station. The aerial journey

KOWLOON MOTOR THEFTS.

THIEF AND MARINE HAWKER SENTENCED.

SERIOUS VIEW TAKEN.

BANISHEE CAUSES TROUBLE.

RESISTS ARREST BY LYING ON TRAM TRACKS.

TRIES ESCAPE LATER.

MOTOR FATALITY SEQUEL.

EUROPEAN SENTENCED TO YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT.

APPEAL PENDING.

BRUTAL EXECUTION METHOD.

MURDERER SLOWLY CHOKED TO DEATH.

SHANGHAI HORROR.

"Obstructionist" tactics by a police prisoner yesterday caused a temporary suspension of traffic along the tram lines at Des Voeux Road Central.

Recognized as a returned deportee, he was about to be seized by a Chinese constable, when he put up a terrific struggle. That falling, he lay down across the tram lines and refused to budge in spite of the approach of two cars from both directions. Finally, he was lifted bodily into a motor-car and taken to the Central Police Station.

There he caused further trouble by making an attempt to escape. As his girdle was being unfastened—a precaution that is always taken by the police in view of past suicide attempts—preparatory to his being lodged in cell, he made a sudden leap down several steps and landed on the compound. But before he could regain his feet, he was seized by a European Sergeant and taken back into the charge room.

The man was sentenced to a year's hard labour and ordered to receive twelve strokes of the birch by Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg this morning, after the charge of returning from banishment was proved by the Finger-Prints Officer.

SURPRISE FOR AN OLD MAN.

FINDS INTRUDER ON HIS RETURN HOME.

An elderly Chinese residing in an unnumbered house in Portland Street, who had locked the doors of his premises before leaving yesterday afternoon, was surprised to find on his return that the fitting had been removed and the door open.

On entering the house he found a strange Chinese searching his property and immediately challenged him. The pair had a desperate struggle, the intruder catching the old man by the throat. The occupier of the house shouted for help and a Shantung constable on duty near at hand went to his rescue.

When charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, the man was sentenced to four months' hard labour. He had one previous conviction for being in unlawful possession.

WATER LEVELS.

FOR WEST, NORTH AND EAST RIVERS.

The following table, compiled by the Board of Conservancy Works of Kwangtung, shows the water levels in English feet on the West, North and East Rivers on the dates named:

| | Aug. 5 | Aug. 6 |
|-----------|--------|--------|
| Shining | 23.4 | 22.3 |
| Tsingyuen | 8.2 | |
| Shanshui | 14.9 | 13.7 |
| Shekding | 7.3 | 6.7 |

On the occasion of the German Constitution Day, the Consul for Germany will hold a reception at the Hongkong Hotel, first floor, on Monday, August 12, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.



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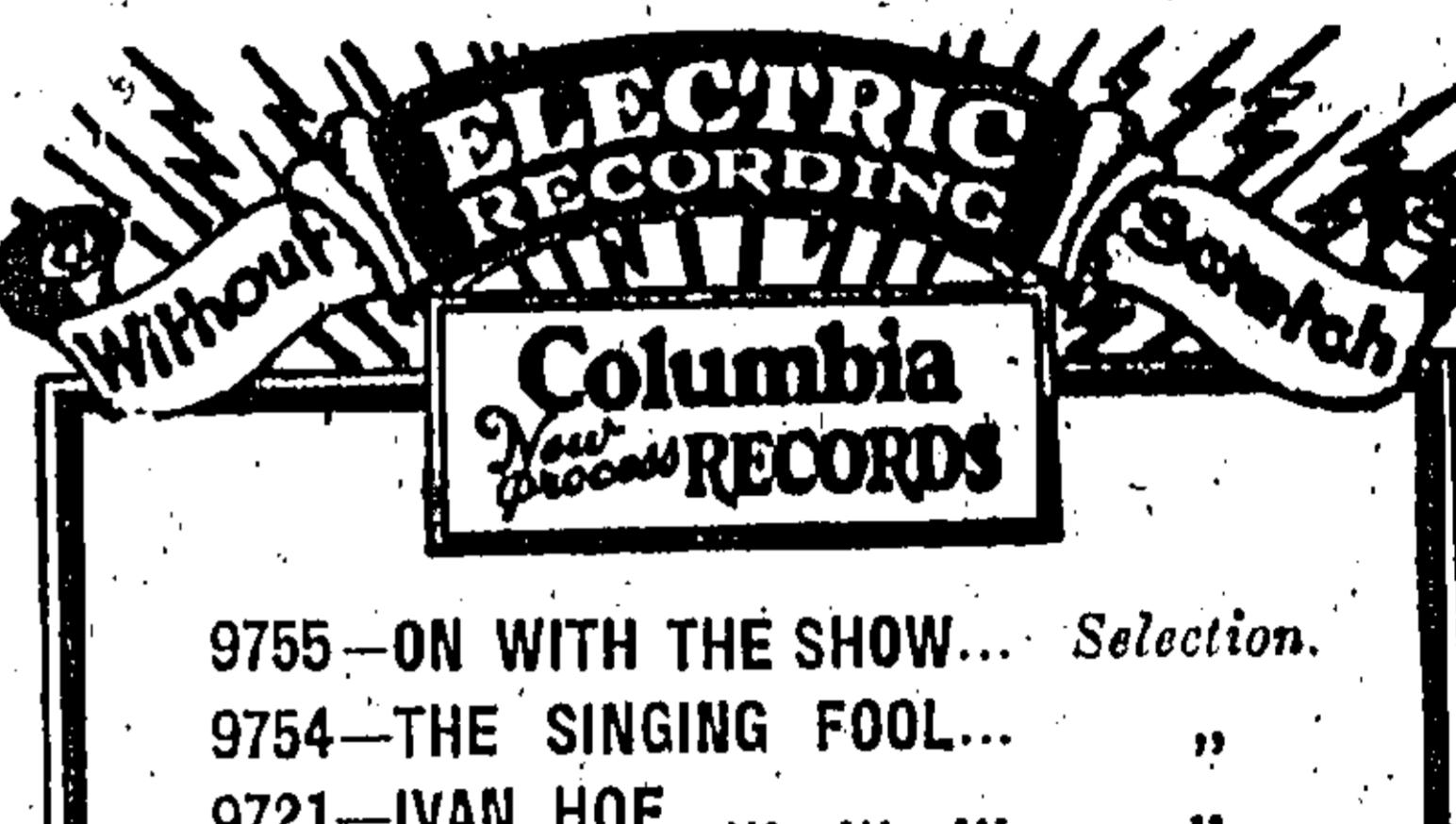
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FLOWER AND SEEDS

BRIDGE MADE EASY

by
W.W. Wentworth

Logic Versus Luck—2

The aim of the declarer whose bid won the contract was to make game. The aim of his opponents was to prevent him from doing so. These are the first objectives of playing. To make less than game is usually a waste of time and effort for it is only in about one case out of thirty that a partial score is of any assistance toward game.

Assume that you are the declarer and a card has been led. The dummy is exposed. Do not touch any of its cards until you have prepared a mental picture of the possible outcome.

Plan your campaign before you finger a card in the dummy. Now is the moment to hesitate. Do not permit your opponents to rush you into playing. If you play at the beginning you will not have to vacillate during the course of the game. As you continue, it may be necessary to alter slightly the campaign which you prepared at the inception, but this manoeuvre will be in line with your strategy. Every plan is subject to some tactical changes as the playing proceeds for you may encounter an unexpected distribution of cards.

Where the novice fails to make game, the expert holding the same cards very often succeeds. This is at times erroneously attributed to luck. As a matter of fact, it is a well-laid campaign combined with sound judgment which produces winning results for the expert. Luck is a very small factor in the playing of the hand; logic usually wins.

The capable player has an astute eye, and a watchful eye. The bidding of his opponent, and their discards, furnish him with valuable information as to the location of the remaining cards.

Let logic govern you in the playing of your hand, and you soon will find so-called luck trailing in your path.

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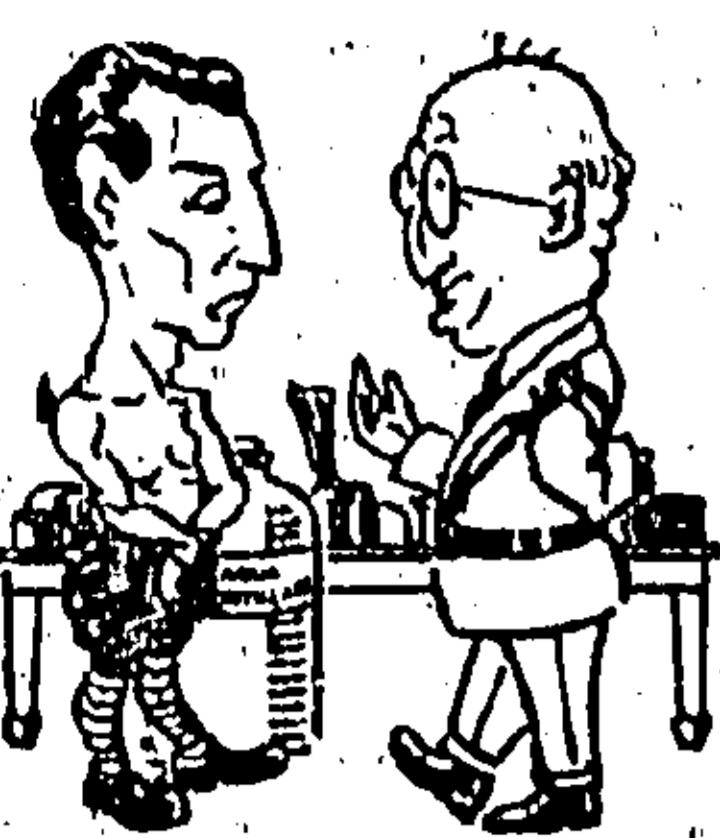
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MAJESTIC

NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

The rainfall registered at the Royal Observatory for the 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day was 0.04-inch. This makes the year's total, so far, 41.64 inches, against an average of 56.01 inches.





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FINDLATER CUP CONTEST PROGRESSES.

Canton, Aug. 6.—The second round of the Canton Amateur Billiards Championship for the Findlater Cup has now been completed and the results are as follows:

Mr. W. Read defeated Mr. D. Latimer by a narrow margin of 23 points. The game was played on the Canton Masonic Club table and was very evenly contested throughout. In the end Mr. Read proved himself the better player and went out at 500 to Mr. Latimer's 477. Mr. Read was conspicuous for his brilliant cannoneys.

Mr. Fred Stormes defeated Mr. Wong by 193 points on the Canton Club table. Both players opened very poorly and kept even for the first hundred. At this point, Mr. Stormes also scored the highest break in this game of any so far recorded during the Championship; he made 49, thereby beating Mr. Osmund's break of 48 against Mr. Day in the first round. He finished the game in quite good time by 500 to Mr. Wong's 307.

It is interesting to note that the players this year (both singles and team players) must send in two 2-inch photos with the entrance fee.

PING PONG LEAGUE.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR LOCAL MATCHES.

An extraordinary Committee meeting of the Hongkong Ping Pong League was held at Lane Crawford's restaurant last week when the founder and organizer, Mr. Ng Tai-ping, had his new system passed, known in the Nationalist Government as "Wei Yin Chai." It was resolved that there should be no President and no Hon. Secretary in the future Committee, which should consist of seven members, four executive and three superintendents.

The President reviewed the year's work.

It was decided to run a league, as follows:

League matches, with a 1st team, 2nd team, and 3rd team, each team to consist of 8 players, including a captain and two reserves; also singles for men, singles for ladies, and mixed doubles.

The fee for each league team is \$10, for the singles \$1, and the mixed doubles \$2.

Entries are to be sent to the Secretaries of the following—Hongkong University Union (Pakfulum Road), Modern Literary Association (8, Lok Sze Terrace), South China Athletic Association (China Building), or China Athletic Association (Queen's Road Central). Entries will close on Wednesday, 14th inst.

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The Officers.

In the current year the following officers have been unanimously elected:

Hon. President, Dr. T. Walter Ware (Government Civil Hospital).

Hon. Vice Presidents, Admiral Chan Chuk, Lieutenant-Colonel Leung Kwan Chee of the 8th route, Kuoming Army (Modern Literary Association), Mr. Wu Hay Tong, and Mr. Yau Ki Cheong (Director of Kwangtung Amateur Athlete Federation).

Hon. Life Committee—General Chan Choi Tong, Mr. Ho Kam Tong, Mr. E. Leung Yan Po, and Mr. Wong Fung.

Hon. Advisers—Mr. Liu Hok Kam (Shanghai), Mr. Choi Wai Yut (South China Athletic Association), Mr. Sung Kwan Mow, and Mr. Lin Hui Lin.

A NEW THEATRE.

HONGKONG AMUSEMENTS PURCHASE LAND.

The Hongkong Amusements Co. Ltd. have acquired a valuable piece of ground in Kowloon at the junction of Nathan Road and Kansu Street, Yaumati, but when approached by a Press representative yesterday Mr. Leo Kan the Managing Director of the Company said that as yet he did not know the intentions of the purchasers.

The semi-finals, of 750 points, will be played off on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon in the Canton Club Theatre where special arrangements have been made for spectators. On Wednesday, Mr. Maggs came to Canton with a good reputation as a billiard player from Shanghai. Mr. Maggs, on the contrary, was playing his first game in public and was visibly nervous. However, the game was pretty even up to the first 200 when Mr. Maggs drew away with ease, winning at 500 to Mr. Maggs's 378.

The final, of 1,000 points, in two sessions, will be played off on Saturday. It is hoped that His Excellency General Chao Ming-shu will be present to present the cup on behalf of the donors. Messrs. Findlater, Mackie and Todd, of London. Another cup, a replica of the challenge cup, will be presented by Messrs. Gilman and Co., Ltd., of Hongkong.—Our Own Correspondent.

VALLEY GOLF.

RESULTS OF HOLIDAY COMPETITIONS.

Li-Comdr. W. D. Brown won the Happy Valley championship, the best scores in which, are officially given as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Lt. Comdr. W. D. Brown (wins) | 155 |
| K. S. Robertson | 159 |
| A. E. Lissaman | 166 |
| S. T. Butlin | 168 |
| T. L. Christie | 168 |
| A. D. Humphreys | 169 |

There were twenty-one entries.

Optional Pool.

There were twelve entries for the Optional Pool, which was won by D. J. Gilmore. The principal scores were as under:

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| D. J. Gilmore | 83—9=74 |
| S. T. Butlin | 84—9=75 |
| T. S. Whyte-Smith | 84—7=77 |
| R. F. Clark | 90—12=78 |

The Captain's Cup.

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Other scores were:

| | |
|-----------------|----------|
| A. G. Brown | 84—12=72 |
| G. W. Sewell | 84—12=72 |
| D. Ellis | 87—14=73 |
| A. E. Lissaman | 77—4=73 |
| K. S. Robertson | 78—5=73 |
| A. D. Humphreys | 83—9=74 |
| D. S. Edward | 84—10=74 |

There were 21 entries.

The Junior Section Medal Competition was cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

BRITAIN GOING TO THE LIMIT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

countries an attitude which is inconsistent with the alliance, or which will create difficulties for the other party thereto. In pursuance of this undertaking, they will not oppose each other's policy in foreign countries, nor conclude with a third Power, any agreement of a political character which might be prejudicial to the interests of the other party.

Six. His Britannic Majesty's Government recognises that the responsibility for the lives or property of foreigners in Egypt devolves henceforth on the Egyptian Government. The King of Egypt will ensure the fulfilment of his obligations in this respect.

Allies in Event of War.

Seven. Should, notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph four, either of the high contracting parties become engaged in war, the other high contracting party will immediately come to his aid in the capacity of an ally. In particular, the King of Egypt will, in the event of war or menace of war, furnish to His Britannic Majesty all Egyptian territory, all facilities and assistance in his power including the use of aerodromes and means of communication.

Eight. In view of the desirability of identity in training of the Egyptian and British armies, the King of Egypt undertakes that should he deem it necessary to have recourse to the formation of military instructors, these shall be chosen from British subjects.

Suez Canal.

Nine. In order to facilitate and secure the protection of the Suez Canal, as an essential means of communication between the different parts of the British Empire, the King of Egypt authorizes His Britannic Majesty to maintain upon Egyptian territory in localities to be agreed upon east of Long, 32° E., such forces as His Britannic Majesty considers necessary for the purpose. The presence of these forces shall not constitute, in any manner, occupation, and will in no way prejudice the sovereignty of Egypt.

Ten. The Egyptian Government, when engaging the service of foreign officials will, as a rule, engage British subjects.

Extraterritorial Rights to Go.

Eleven. His Britannic Majesty recognises that the capitulatory regime now existing in Egypt is no longer in accordance with the spirit of the times and with the present state of Egypt, and accordingly undertakes to use every influence with the Powers possessing capitulatory rights in Egypt to obtain, in conditions which will safeguard the legitimate interests of foreigners, the transfer to Mixed Tribunals of the jurisdiction of the existing Consular Courts and the application of Egyptian legislation to foreigners.

Twelve. His Britannic Majesty will be represented at the Court of the King of Egypt by an Ambassador, duly accredited, and the King of Egypt will reserve the highest diplomatic ranks at the Court to representatives of His Britannic Majesty. The King of Egypt will be represented at the Court of Saint James by an Ambassador.

Thirteen. While reserving liberty to conclude new Conventions in the future, modifying the Conventions of 1899, the high contracting parties agree that the status of the Sudan shall be left resulting from the said Conventions. Accordingly, the Governor-General shall continue to exercise on the joint behalf of the high contracting parties, the powers conferred upon him by the said conventions.

Fourteen. Nothing in the present proposals is intended to, or shall, in any way, prejudice the rights and obligations which devolve or may devolve upon either of the high contracting parties under the Covenant of the League of Nations or the treaty for the renunciation of war, signed at Paris, on 27th August, 1928.

Fifteen. Any difference regarding the application or interpretation of the present proposals which the parties are unable to settle by direct negotiation, shall be dealt with in accordance with the conditions of the Covenant of the League of Nations.

Sixteen. At any time after the expiration of a period of twenty-five years from the coming into force of the Treaty, based on the above proposals, such modification of its terms as may be deemed appropriate to the circumstances which may then exist, may be made by agreement between the high contracting parties.—British Wireless.

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New High Commissioner.

Eighteen. At any time after the expiration of a period of twenty-five years from the coming into force of the Treaty, based on the above proposals, such modification of its terms as may be deemed appropriate to the circumstances which may then exist, may be made by agreement between the high contracting parties.—British Wireless.

Cairo, Aug. 6.

The newspaper *El Ahram* announces that Sir Percy Lorraine,

WATER POLO LEAGUE.

TWO MORE MATCHES PLAYED LAST EVENING.

Further water polo league games were played at the V.R.C. last evening.

The first match was between K.O.S.B. "A" and Kowloon "B" and resulted in a win for the soldiers by three goals to one. They obtained the lead in the first half through Faulkner, but on the resumption Blas made matters equal by deflecting Henry's shot into the net. After this however, the service men obtained another two goals through Ferguson and McIntosh. Throughout, the K.O.S.B. was the stronger team and would probably have scored more but for the efforts of J. Angus, Kowloon's goalkeeper, who saved many awkward shots.

The V.R.C. "A" team had no difficulty in defeating the Royal Navy. Within the first minute the V.R.C. scored two goals, one being obtained by Stewart and the other by Glittins. Before half-time Glittins scored a third, while Rosa-Pereira and D. Laing also added points. In the second half the Navy were several times close to scoring, and eventually Davies found the net. After this, however, Rosa-Pereira and D. Laing brought the V.R.C.'s total to seven without further reply.

BILLIARDS LEAGUE.

POLICE AND ST. PATRICK'S CLUB LEADING.

The following are the positions up to the end of last week in the Steel and Coulson Billiards League:

| P. W. | Win | Drawn | Pl. | Pts. |
|------------------------|-----|-------|-----|------|
| Steel & Coulson | 6 | 6 | 6 | 175 |
| H. K. P. | 6 | 5 | 1 | 175 |
| H. K. P. Res. | 6 | 4 | 1 | 115 |
| H. K. P. Club | 6 | 2 | 8 | 95 |
| S. L. I. Sets. | 6 | 3 | 4 | 95 |
| C. & P. O. Club | 6 | 3 | 4 | 85 |
| C. C. O. B. Sets. | 4 | 2 | 3 | 75 |
| H. E. Sets. | 6 | 2 | 2 | 75 |
| H. R. A. Sets. | 6 | 0 | 0 | 15 |

Scoring: A win shall be decided by the team obtaining the highest aggregate score, 2 points being accorded to the winning team.

The team winning most games in a match shall be accorded 1 point. In the event of a tie on aggregate and games, one and a half points shall be accorded each team. Maximum points obtainable in any match 3.

NEW SERIAL.

HIGH FLIGHT.

By Ruth Dewey Groves.

THIS HAS HAPPENED.

Jerry Ray decided that he was in a delusion when he was invited to marry her. She works in a store and denies herself pretty luxuries to save for a vacation at Atlantic City. But her money is stolen the night before she leaves, and she is stranded on the beach. Nothing remains but to run away with her roommate, Myrtle, on the north shore of Long Island. But their camp is wrecked the first evening when they are attacked by Alester Cartairs, from an adjoining estate who takes a lesson from his pilot, Dan Harvey. They escape injury; also Myrtle, but Jerry is hit in the head, and falls unconscious on the sand. It is holding her in his arms when she comes to. Then Alester sends Dan for the doctor and pays Myrtle for the damage, but does not get around to which means to accuse Alester. He introduces Leontine Leboudre, hostess, and Jerry senses the fact that Leontine is jealous of her. She is glad to see Dan enter and come to their table, although this gives Leontine a chance to dance with Alester.

CHAPTER VII

"All right," Alester said grudgingly, "I'll come to your party since you're so irresistible, but only upon one condition."

Leontine caught her breath. She did not like the firmness in his voice.

"You will have to ask Miss Ray also," Alester added, after a significant pause.

Leontine flashed daggers at him, but she said nothing until she could force herself to speak indifferently. Whatever else Leontine Leboudre was capable of she could practice self-control. But she wouldn't give in without a struggle.

"Really, Alester," she said with a nervous smile, "Miss Ray is hardly the sort of person to ask to one of our parties."

Alester did not smile back at her. "Why?" he asked.

Leontine shivered.

"Well . . . her appearance for one thing. She looks like a rummage sale and she's a complete washout as far as pep goes. She'd be a wet blanket."

"You're right," Alester told her brutally. "Miss Ray had a nasty blow on the head yesterday. You'd go to bed for a week if anything like that happened to you."

Leontine bit her lip.

"Just the same . . . she began. "Just the same you will have to ask her if you want me," Alester interrupted.

"Oh, all right," Leontine flared. "Bring her. But see that she has something decent to wear."

"Leave that to me," Alester replied.

Leontine was now thoroughly aroused over Jerry. She guessed that Alester had brought the girl to the Rolling Stone Inn just to torment her, but he was carrying his interest in Jerry a little too far, she thought, when he insisted upon having her at a party in which she could not possibly fit.

"How had he met a girl like that, anyway? A 16-cent girl who didn't drink? She'd never known Alester to care for anything so simple before."

"I'm sorry I didn't know you had an accident," she said sweetly to Jerry when she and Alester returned to the table. "Stupid of me not to see that you have a bandage under your handkerchief."

Jerry regarded her in surprise. Her sudden pleasantness was puzzling.

"Miss Ray ought to go home," Dan said crisply.

Leontine smiled at Jerry.

"But I wish you'd come up to my rooms first," she said. "You can rest a few minutes. It would refresh you for the drive back to New York."

It was Alester who gave the information before Jerry had a chance to speak. She did not correct him to say that she was camping on the North Shore. She knew that these two were thrusting at each other with double-edged words. Jerry had enough sense to keep quiet when she did not know the ground.

But Leontine's invitation to rest in her room appealed to her. She felt queerly weak and faint. She rose and while Dan stood, watching grimly, and Alester turned, a bemused expression upon them, she walked off with Leontine.

They passed up broad, uncarpeted stairs to a long and wide upper hall. Open doors offered glimpses into private rooms luxuriously furnished. In one suite waiters were preparing for a private party. Jerry saw a bowl of orchids on the table and thick yellow candles in silver candlesticks.

She realized then that Leontine's place was a rendezvous for smart people. No wonder the waiters had looked askance at her.

Leontine threw open a heavy mahogany door and stepped into a large room, holding the door open for Jerry to follow.

"Lie down on the chaise lounge," she said hospitably and motioned toward what Jerry would have called the sofa. It was covered with a lace spread and many small silk pillows. Jerry knew something about lace and the idea of reposing upon a spread such as this seemed almost sacrilege to her—but still she reminded herself that wealthy people used their best things.

"Have you any smelling salts?" she asked. Leontine, remembering those the Cartairs' butler had brought to camp.

"I'll get you some eau de Cologne," the other replied and closed the door. Jerry sank upon the chaise lounge and breathed a sigh of relief. She had not known how weak she really was.

Leontine hurried into an adjoining room. In a moment she was back with a large crystal bottle. Some of its contents she poured on a soft linen towel and began to bathe Jerry's forehead. She had wondered about the girl's complexion. It was almost too perfect to be natural. And yet Jerry obviously was not a patron of a beauty parlour capable of imparting such magic smoothness and luscious colour to her skin by artificial means. Such service would be priced less. Leontine knew, if it could be found.

Still it surprised her to discover that Jerry had no makeup at all on her face! The light powder she used came away with the cologne only to reveal a skin which made Leontine think that powdering it was indeed an instance of gilding the lily.

Jerry lay with her eyes closed, unaware of Leontine's critical yet reluctant admiration and growing hatred. The cool, quiet room and soothed fragrance of the cologne helped her to relax.

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put on since coming upstairs, "Alester gave me this last year," she said boastfully. And then, looking curiously at Jerry, "He's very generous, but I suppose you know that."

Jerry flushed. "He's been very generous. In settling for the damage his plane did," she said coldly.

She more than suspected now that Leontine was a first class gold digger. "If she thinks she can put me in that class she's mistaken," Jerry told herself.

Leontine smiled secretly over Jerry's obvious resentment. She had wanted to make it difficult for Alester to see that Jerry was properly gowned for the party. If Jerry came, looking like a tramp, Leontine believed she had scored a trick.

OLD BOOKS GROW SCARCE.

BUT BRITAIN RETAINS THE REAL PLUMS.

A remark that "Every antiquarian bookseller will tell you that his difficulty is not to sell but to buy," made by Dr. R. W. Chapman, secretary of the University Press, at the annual meeting of the Friends of The Bodleian, emphasizes the growing scarcity of old English literature.

It also calls attention to the battle of the librarians.

There is truth in Dr. Chapman's statement that not only wealthy collectors, but American librarians are competitors for old editions; but some of those in a position to know stated recently that while Americans may have the money to get hold of some of these books published three and four centuries ago, we, in this country, show the greatest discrimination, and in our libraries and museums is a store of literature enough to break the hearts of American collectors.

Fashion of the Moment.

"A great many valuable books," said a representative of Sotheby's, "are going over to America, but on the whole, I should say they are books of a more or less temporary value—books which are fashionable for the moment."

"The authorities in charge of our great English libraries and museums know all there is to know about these things, and very rarely fail to get the real plums, so far as the means at their disposal allow."

We are handicapped by the American millionaires," remarked one of the managers of Messrs. Foyle, "who lay their commissions with big English dealers, to whom they give practically carte blanche instructions to buy books they desire."

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AMERICAN STOCKS.

CABLED QUOTATIONS FROM NEW YORK

The following quotations as at the close of the market on Tuesday have been received from their correspondents Messrs. Hayden, Stone and Co., of New York, by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz, Sassoon House, Shanghai, (cable address "Swanstock," Shanghai), who are not responsible for the cable mutilations. The quotations are subject to confirmation:

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"MR. BROWN" IN MURDER CASE.

2-YEARS-OLD CRIME SECRECY.

The young white man arrested at Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia, in connexion with the murder in November 1927 of Miss Irene Kanthuck, the 18-years-old daughter of a Johannesburg engineer, arrived at Johannesburg recently.

The police are observing the greatest secrecy in the matter, and even the man's name has not been revealed. He appeared in the train list of passengers as "Mr. Brown," and arrived early in the morning when very few people were about.

He is about 25 years of age, and is believed to have been born at Uitenhage, Capt. Province, and to have lived alternately in South Africa and Rhodesia. It is understood that at the time of the murder he was working near the plantation in the Saxonwald, on the outskirts of Johannesburg, where Miss Kanthuck's body was found.

Woman's "Revelation."

Miss Kanthuck had been missing for three days when her body was discovered. She had gone out in the evening for a walk with her dog, which later reached home in an exhausted state. As she did not follow, a search was made by telephones, police, boy scouts, and volunteers from among the public.

The body was found hidden in undergrowth, and a broken stick lying nearby indicated that Miss Kanthuck had put up a strong fight against her assailant. Great indignation was aroused throughout the Union by the crime, which seemed to baffle the police, and at various times natives have been arrested and questioned.

Recently a young woman, suffering from poison and believing herself to be dying, declared that her lover had visited her on the night of the crime nearly two years ago, wearing bloodstained clothes, had confessed to killing Miss Kanthuck, and had sworn her to secrecy.

The police are still investigating her story, but are stated to be finding it difficult to reconcile all her statements.

THE KING'S HEALTH.

ABLE TO GO OUT OF DOORS AGAIN.

London, Aug. 6. H.M. the King spent a considerable time in the gardens of Buckingham Palace yesterday, the first time he has been out of doors since his last operation.—*Reuter.*

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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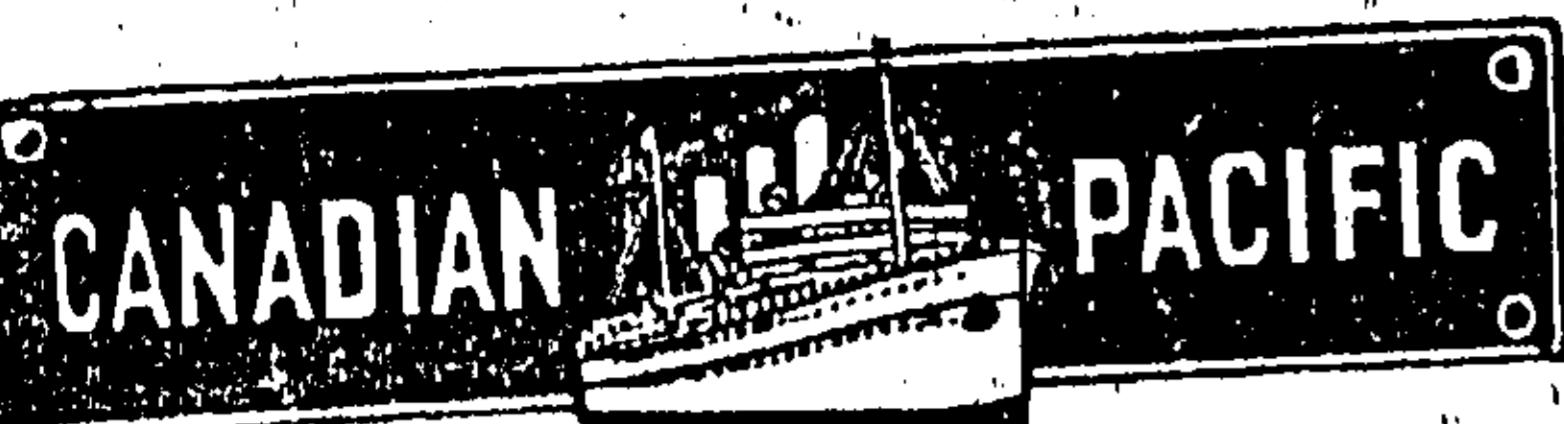
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SMOKE NUISANCE.

TO BE INVESTIGATED BY COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Board held yesterday afternoon the question of the nuisance caused by foundries, smithies and the like was mentioned by the Chairman, who proposed the appointment of a small committee to deal with the matter.

The plans for the proposed market for Kowloon Tong were put before the Board and approved, subject to the suggested alterations mentioned by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga.

In seconding the approval of the plans, the Hon. Mr. Braga expressed to the Board his appreciation of the reception accorded to his proposal two years ago to erect a public market for the rapidly growing district of Kowloon Tong.

Among those present besides the chairman (Mr. N. L. Smith) were the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Dr. H. A. Haweell, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Messrs. Wong Kwong-tin, T. N. Chan, M. K. Lo and J. Watson (Secretary).

The Smoke Nuisance.

Dealing with the nuisance caused by foundries, smithies etc., the Chairman said he proposed to circulate certain papers to members in connexion with a resolution by the Medical Officer of Health with a view to strengthening his hands when dealing with such cases. The trouble was that this particular smoke nuisance was not smoke nuisance as defined by Section 26, Sub-section 12, of the Ordinance which specifies black smoke.

Continuing, the Chairman said that he thought, on consideration, that Mr. Wong Kwong-tin's suggestion was an excellent one, and before going further, the Board should put the matter in the hands of a small committee who would report on it.

The Chairman said that he would like to withdraw, with the permission of the Board, his original motion and substitute the appointment of a committee to go into the question.

He suggested the appointment of the Medical Officer of Health, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, and Mr. T. N. Chan, as members of this Committee.

The proposition was seconded by the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, and carried.

Lime Washing.

A minute relative to Departmental limewashing came before the Board.

The Chairman said that a certain amount of trouble had occurred over the question about two years ago. The Chairman moved that the Board approve the work of limewashing to be undertaken by the Department during the 1929-1930 season; the charges to be \$3.80 per floor, in the case of domestic tenements, for one year, as from October 1, 1929.

Referring to the question of latrine accommodation in the centre of the City, the chairman remarked that a certain firm had written, complaining that their latrine was used by all and sundry. The Chairman did not, however, think that any action would

LETTER GOLF.

If you are WEARY and TIRED, today's puzzle should relax you a bit. Par is an interesting eight.

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NAVAL LIMITATION.

THE JAPANESE VIEWPOINT.

Tokyo, Aug. 6.

Following the Navy Minister's speech to the prefectural governors, well-informed circles intimate that the Government has decided that a 10-10 ratio for auxiliary vessels is essential for Japan, and it will be necessary to build several more ten thousand ton cruisers unless both Britain and America are prepared to reduce their existing cruiser strength. It is contended, therefore, that it will depend on what standard these two countries set, whether Japan will give up further construction. The Navy Office, however, asserts that they have been misquoted, as the question is still under discussion, though well-informed persons believe this is merely said as Admiral Takarabe does not wish to be quoted so definitely.

While Japan appears to have decided to insist on a 10-7 ratio for auxiliaries, naval men are known to favour retention of the present capital ship ratio, and are ready to support an extension of the age limit and a reduction of the maximum tonnage in the case of capital ships.—*Reuter*.

2.—You can change only one word, at a time.

3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page.

CHINESE IN U.S.

TONG WAR LEADS TO DEPORTATION THREAT.

New York, Aug. 6.

After a series of murder shootings by rival Chinese tongs in Chicago and Boston, a tong war is now threatened in New York City, consequently the Federal authorities have ordered the heads of rival tongs to arbitrate their differences, otherwise they will be deported.

A Chinese laundryman was shot dead at his ironing board in New York yesterday evening, and two more Chinese were killed similarly in Boston. These crimes suggest that the perpetrators of the Chinese murders are no longer restrained by the threat of deportation, which was effective in the past.—*Reuter's American Service*.

In rising to second the motion the Hon. Mr. Braga said:

I have pleasure in doing so. I feel I must avail myself of this public meeting of the Board to record my opposition to the reception accorded to my proposal two years ago to erect a public market for the rapidly growing district of Kowloon Tong.

At first the original design submitted by the Hon. Director of Public Works was for a very modest structure indeed which, it was estimated, would cost the small sum of \$1,500. With that plan I was not satisfied, because I thought it could not possibly meet the requirements of Kowloon Tong residents. Thanks to the Head of the Sanitary Department (Mr. W. J. Carrie), I was given an opportunity to discuss the amended plan for a structure of a greatly improved design with a large number of stalls and better internal arrangements altogether. The Director of Public Works' acquiescence in my suggestion for the keeping apart of the urinal from the market building proper under a separate roof is another of those improvements which have commended themselves to those Kowloon Tong residents with whom I had the benefit of discussing the amended plan. To His Excellency the Governor to incur this comparatively small expenditure of \$10,000 to provide the Kowloon Tong Estate with a market that has been felt now for some time as an urgent necessity.

grown to \$10,000. I hope with the adoption of this motion, proposed by the President, by all members of this Board, authority will be obtained forthwith from His Excellency the Governor to

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MR. SOONG RESIGNS.**NEWS CAUSES SENSATION IN NANKING.**

Shanghai, Aug. 6.

The Ta Cheung News Agency Nanking correspondent states that "official confirmation" of the recent persistent rumour of the resignation of the Finance Minister, Mr. T. V. Soong, has caused a sensation in the capital. It is considered a heavy loss to the Government at the present juncture.—Reuter.

According to a Wah Kiu Yet Po message, the resignation is understood to be an outcome of the many difficulties in bringing about financial unity in China. The Finance Ministry had a stupendous task in convincing the militarists all over the country of the great necessity to remit all taxation and Government funds to the Nanking Finance Ministry, which would keep an account of revenues of all Provinces.

Mr. T. V. Soong, one of the ablest politicians in the Nanking Government, has taken a prominent part in Chinese public affairs since he returned in 1917 from America, where for two years he was an assistant in the International Banking Corporation and Macdonell-Chow Corporation, New York. His training there was of valuable assistance in his public career. He took over the Presidency of the Central Bank, Canton, in 1924 and the following year was made a member of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee and Minister of Finance of the Canton Government. He was made Minister of Finance of the National Government when the capital was established at Nanking and has done much good work in placing China's national institutions on a firmer footing.]

PASSENGERS.**DEPARTED.**

Per A. M. Liner President Grant from Hongkong for Sentle on August 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Chen Bing San, Mr. Horace E. Gould, Mr. R. J. Mumford, Miss K. L. Prendergast, Mrs. D. Turner, Lt. H. Saunders, Mr. S. Okazaki, Miss Kathryn Wolf, Mr. K. P. Schmidt, Mr. W. A. Weber, Mr. Th. M. Rohm, Mr. Hin Wong, Mr. Marcel Pasquigen, Mr. Lee You Kun, Mrs. Cheng Shuk Chung, Mr. J. M. Dyer, Mr. S. Howard, Miss Law Ging Guy, Miss Law Ging Chun, Mr. S. Tang, Mr. H. Chang, Mr. K. C. Chan, Mr. Lee Shun Chou, Miss Y. H. Chan, Miss Y. W. Wong, Mr. H. F. Fung, Mr. Fong Theung Ling, Mrs. Violet Wong, Mrs. G. E. Little, Miss W. Chen, Mr. Albert T. Quon, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Cheuk Hoen, Mr. J. Watson, Mrs. E. J. A. Porter, Mr. Wong Kwok Chau, Miss B. Chung, Mr. Lau Hin Sheung, Mr. Chou Sui Tai, Mr. Wan Kuei Wing, Mr. Yee Gim Fook, Mr. Willie Chihun, Miss Hilda Gavin, Lt. and Mrs. W. H. Perry, Mr. A. Thomas, Miss Kimi Tajimura, Mr. Frank V. Chamberlain, Mr. James de Pauli, Miss Julie Lombard, Miss Mary Lombard, Mr. Victor M. Yang, Mrs. J. W. Parsons, Mr. Chiu Te Yuen, Mr. Young Yoo Ming, Mrs. Yung Shan Mol, Mr. Hu Wu Chiu, Mrs. S. Y. Liang, Mrs. S. H. Liang, Mrs. S. K. Liang, Dr. A. S. Wong, Mr. Tom Man Liun, Mr. Y. M. Lin, Mr. Wong Kyan Pan, Mrs. K. W. Fung, Miss M. K. Fung, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert P. C. Cheng, Ho Lo Sing, Mr. Z. L. Van, Mr. John S. Bosario, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Huang, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Van, Mr. Tang Yit Hon, Mr. Lee Sik Pang, Mr. Wong He Chan, Mr. Yee Fook Min, Mr. Ah Sung, Mr. Yee Ngow Day, Mr. W. L. Ogden, Rev. N. G. Dunning.

THE INSTONE BANK EXAMINATION.

(Continued from Page 2.)

Offer for Bank Premises.

In reply to further questions Mr. Brewer said the sale of the bank premises had been discussed as the company could manage with a smaller building. They were quite willing to sell but the opportunity was lost because the directors were too greedy. On the strength of an offer received a sum of \$36,000 was carried to profit and loss account. Mr. Brewer said this was justified as the building had appreciated.

In reply to other questions he said the bank's current accounts at the end of April, 1928, totalled \$14,000 and the majority of that money was his.

The Official Receiver: You agree that the current accounts were not very substantial?—We did not want them. We sent them round to other banks.

And savings accounts amounted to \$12,000?—Yes.

You had no large current accounts or saving accounts, what banking business were you doing?—Bonds, trustee business and we had branches in Shekki issuing notes. We were doing quite a large volume of business.

Do you agree that as far as Hongkong is concerned the business was negligible?—We refused current accounts. We wanted our bond and trustee business.

"Absolutely Misleading."

This balance sheet is one which might be published by a banking corporation having a successful and very large business. That is only conclusion a man of ordinary intelligence could arrive at by looking at it. Looking down it he would say that it was sound financially and possessed of good assets?—All of which is true.

The subscribed capital is \$2,600,000, whereas that was not the case?—It was the case.

But \$1,133,000 had been transferred to allotment suspense?—Quite correct.

I say the balance sheet is absolutely misleading as regards the assets and liabilities in that it conceals a weakness which was at all times lack of adequate capital. It is studiously concealed and you can't discover it?—I was assured by the auditor that it was not misleading. If there is anything wrong with my books I accept liability. But I did not make the balance sheet.

No Untruth in It.

In reply to a further question Mr. Brewer said "I agree that this balance sheet is utterly misleading to an Englishman, but there is not a word of untruth in it."

The Chief Justice pointed out that Mr. Brewer had consented to a declaration of dividend. Mr. Brewer remarked that the dividends were made up from the books. Further dealing with the balance sheet he said that by showing the capital as it was shown it had been necessary to take the other side.

The share capital was not collected by the ordinary mechanism because they did not want too much money.

The Official Receiver: I suggest that the reason was because you found the share capital was not coming in as it should and that on June 10 you decided to issue this enormous series of loans?—That is the date on which we were ready to issue share certificates.

The Official Receiver concluded his examination and His Lordship adjourned until this morning for Mr. Brewer to make any explanations he desires.

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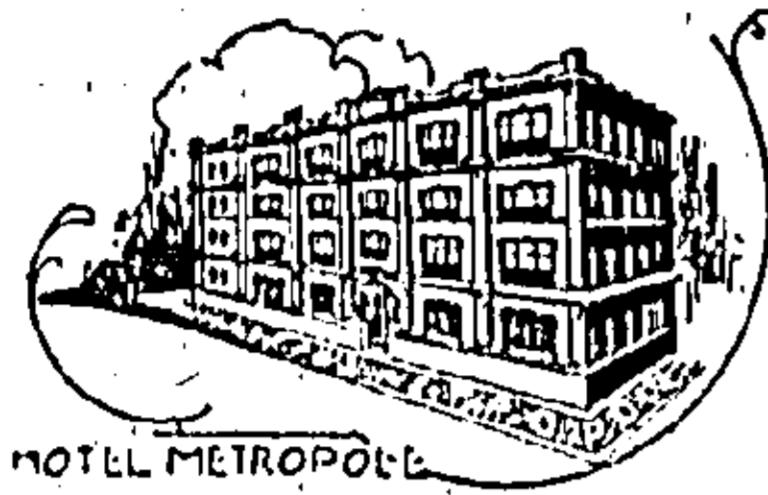
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THE SINO-RUSSIAN
DISPUTE.INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION
SAID TO BE URGED.

WASHINGTON SILENT.

Washington, Aug. 6.—Officials of the State Department decline to comment on the reports emanating from Moscow to the effect that Mr. H. L. Stimson, in a Note to the principal Powers, has suggested the formation of an International Commission to settle the Sino-Russian dispute.

While it is known that the U.S. Secretary of State is most anxious that a settlement should be reached as early as possible by direct negotiation if possible, it is believed in well-informed circles that he may have put forward such a suggestion an *évide mémoire* he has handed to the diplomatic representatives of Great Britain, Japan, France, Italy and Germany on July 25th.

The contents of the document have never yet been disclosed.—*Reuters' American Service*.

A Deadlock.

Nanking, Aug. 6.—The Foreign Office officially announces to-day that the Sino-Russian conference at Manchuli has resulted in a deadlock.

The Chinese are unable to accept the Russian demand for reinstatement of the Russian associate managers of the Chinese Eastern Railway before the negotiations.

The Foreign Office has instructed the Chinese Minister at Washington to notify to the signatory Powers of the Kellogg Pact the details of what has happened.—*Reuters*.

Mr. Chu Shao-yang.

Harbin, Aug. 6.—The Nanking plenipotentiary, Mr. Chu Shao-yang, has arrived at Manchuli and from a reliable source it is understood that there is a slight prospect of further direct negotiations.

Mr. Chu Shao-yang passed through Harbin yesterday morning and left shortly afterwards for Manchuli to meet Mr. Tsui Yung-shang, who has held a number of preliminary meetings with Mr. M. Melnikov, the Harbin Soviet Consul-General.

Russian "Retreat."

It is reported that a large number of Soviet troops stationed at the Chinese frontier with Sinkiang and Turkestan have been withdrawn and the Soviet troops have abandoned all war activities. The Soviet Consul in Turkestan are reliably reported to have all remained at their posts.

WATER IN BICYCLE
LAMP!NO WONDER IT WOULD
NOT BURN.

When a Chinese was charged before Mr. T. E. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with riding a bicycle without a light at 10.00 p.m. yesterday, P. C. Farrell informed his Worship that when he examined the lamp it contained water instead of oil, and could not be lighted.

His Worship remarked that that was the trouble. He was sure the cycle dealers who hired out machines to people did not take the least bit of trouble to ensure that their customers were supplied with proper lighting facilities.

The defendant was cautioned.

WHEAT PRICES SOAR IN
THE STATES.FARMERS SELLING AS FAST
AS THEY CAN.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—The advance in price from 50 to 55 cents per bushel in wheat prices since the beginning of June has been too tempting to American farmers, who have been selling old and new wheat as fast as they possibly can.

Record prices have often been obtained, and it is estimated that at least 137,387,000 bushels have been collected at local distribution points or are on their way to Chicago.

The Federal Farm Board is being urged to act to prevent the wholesale dumping of grain and wheat.—*Reuters*.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships are in port:

Basin.—H.M.S. Tamar, Cleopatra.

North Arm.—H.M.S. Sandwich and Sterling.

West Wall Dock.—H.M.S. Castor.

In Dock.—L.19.

Foreign.—U.S.S. Mindanao and Portuguese Patria.

Sussex went in again and had made 42 for 2 when stumps were drawn.

"NEEDLE" CRICKET
SPOILED.RAIN INTERRUPTS BIG
MATCHES.SURREY'S FINE EFFORT TO
UPSET NOTTS.

SPLENDID BATTING.

London, Aug. 6.

Not one of the nine first-class cricket matches commenced in England on Saturday has been brought to a decisive finish, owing to heavy rains all over the country. There have been torrential downpours in many places, but the interference was not so great as to prevent decisions on the first innings.

The rain, however, chose its most unfortunate period as some of the most attractive matches of the season were on the programme. Lancashire and Yorkshire met at Bradford, Surrey and Notts provided some thrills for the Oval crowd, Kent and Gloucester played for Freeman's Benefit at Canterbury, and Middlesex tried conclusions with Sussex at Brighton.

The Midlands county, however, is still in a very strong position, the eight leading positions in the championship being as follows:

| | 1st Inn. | 2nd | 3rd | 4th |
|-------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|
| P. W. L. W. | 12 | 2 | 2 | 137 |
| Sussex | 26 | 11 | 2 | 137 |
| Lancashire | 22 | 11 | 6 | 111 |
| Kent | 22 | 11 | 4 | 100 |
| Gloucester | 21 | 11 | 4 | 100 |
| Yorkshire | 20 | 5 | 1 | 98 |
| Middlesex | 20 | 5 | 5 | 98 |
| Brighton | 21 | 5 | 4 | 98 |

Batting.

| | 1st Inn. | 2nd | 3rd | 4th |
|--------------------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|
| Hearne (Middlesex) | 129 | 7 | 7 | 129 |
| Whysall (Notts) | 126 | 7 | 7 | 126 |
| Sandham (Surrey) | 119 | 7 | 7 | 119 |
| Woolley (Kent) | 119 | 7 | 7 | 119 |
| Shepherd (Surrey) | 114 | 7 | 7 | 114 |
| A. W. Carr (Notts) | 113 | 7 | 7 | 113 |
| Sutcliffe (Yorkshire) | 106 | 7 | 7 | 106 |
| J. T. Morgan (Glamorgan) | 103 | 7 | 7 | 103 |
| Not Out. | | | | |

Bowling.

| | 1st Inn. | 2nd | 3rd | 4th |
|-------------------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|
| Leyland (Yorkshire) | 7 | 7 | 52 | 52 |
| M. J. C. Alton (Surrey) | 7 | 7 | 51 | 51 |
| Clark (Northants) | 6 | 7 | 55 | 55 |
| C. S. Marriot (Kent) | 6 | 7 | 72 | 72 |
| Mayer (Warwick) | 5 | 7 | 21 | 21 |
| G. S. Grimston (Sussex) | 5 | 7 | 40 | 40 |
| Mercer (Glamorgan) | 5 | 7 | 41 | 41 |
| Not Out. | | | | |

SURREY'S BRIGHTEST.

GRIM STRUGGLE AT THE OVAL.

Surrey accomplished one of their brightest performances of the season in gaining first innings points from Notts.

The championship leaders won the toss, batted first and compiled the formidable total of 409 runs. Whysall and A. W. Carr were the principal scorers, Whysall getting 126 and his skipper 114. M. J. C. Alton bowled capitally for Jong spells and he took 7 wickets for 110 runs.

Surrey might easily have been forgiven for failing, and early on this seemed likely, but Sandham, who made 119, batted in his best style and Shepherd later came to his assistance and eventually the game was pulled round completely.

At the close of play, Surrey had made 411 for 6 wickets, and Shepherd was 114 (not out).

LEYLAND AS BOWLER.

Yorkshire on Top in "War of Roses."

Leyland, the Test all-rounder, proved the most damaging bowler in the match between Lancashire and Yorkshire at Bradford, and he played an important part in Yorkshire's victory on the first innings, being well backed up by Sutcliffe, another famous Yorkshire and Lancashire player.

Whysall went on first and were dismissed for 192, Leyland taking 7 wickets for 52 runs. Yorkshire replied with 235 for 7 wickets, Sutcliffe compiling 106.

AN AMATEUR BOWLER.

Sussex Player Does Well Against Middlesx.

Hearne and Shepherd were the features of the Middlesex innings, while some capital bowling by a young amateur, G. S. Grimston, who turns out very seldom for the county team.

Sussex batted first, making 331 as stated. Middlesex had to fight hard for runs, but Hearne's 129 enabled them to secure the lead. Five wickets fell to Grimston at a cost of 40 runs.

Sussex went in again and had made 42 for 2 when stumps were drawn.

ZEPPELIN'S WORLD
FLIGHT.SIBERIAN WASTES THE MOST
HAZARDOUS PART.

NO RELIABLE MAPS.

Lakehurst, Aug. 6.

The Graf Zeppelin is scheduled to leave at midnight on August 7th-8th on her return trip to Friedrichshafen, whence she will start out to circle the world.

Eighteen passengers have booked, these including Princess Xenia's husband, Mr. W. B. Leeds.

Commander Eckener, in the course of an interview, said the most hazardous part of the world flight would be over the Siberian wastes, between Moscow and Tokyo.

In this area, said Commander Eckener, radio would be useless, in view of the inadequate maps available.

Commander Eckener added that he would rely on the course of the great rivers when crossing the Russo-Asiatic plains.—*Reuters' American Service*.

The following is the tentative schedule for the world flight:—Leave Lakehurst on August 7 and arrive at Friedrichshafen on 10th; leave Friedrichshafen on 13th and arrive at Tokyo on 17th; leave Tokyo on 20th or 21st and arrive at Los Angeles on 26th; arrive at Lakehurst on 29th, and spend a few days there before returning to Friedrichshafen, completing the voyage for the passengers who boarded the dirigible there.

FREEMAN'S BENEFIT.

Kent Win on First Innings.

Kent defeated Gloucester on the first innings at Canterbury, gaining a lead of 122. In the closing stages, Gloucester knocked off the arrears for the loss of only one wicket.

Gloucester batted first and made 217, C. S. Marriot taking 6 wickets for 76 runs. Kent replied with 339, Frank Woolley contributing 119.

Kent's attack could make little impression when Gloucester batted again, and at the close of play the score-board showed 137 runs for 1 wicket.

AN INNINGS EACH.

Somerset Batting Shows Up Well.

Exactly an innings each was possible between Hampshire and Somerset at Southampton. The visitors gained a lead of 144 runs.

Somerset took first knock, an by steady batting here compiled 371